

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 1057
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 2, 2011; March 16, 2011, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland
1-4 Security; April 26, 2011, reported favorably by the following
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the transfer of certain vehicle registrations at the
1-9 time of sale of the vehicle.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 502.451, Transportation Code, is amended
1-12 by amending Subsections (a), (a-1), and (c) and adding Subsection
1-13 (a-2) to read as follows:

1-14 (a) On the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle to a dealer,
1-15 as defined by Section 503.001, who holds a general distinguishing
1-16 number issued under Chapter 503, the dealer shall remove each
1-17 license plate and the registration insignia issued for the motor
1-18 vehicle. The registration period remaining at the time of sale or
1-19 transfer expires at the time of sale or transfer.

1-20 (a-1) On the sale of a used motor vehicle by a dealer, the
1-21 dealer shall issue to the buyer new registration documents for an
1-22 entire registration year.

1-23 (a-2) On a sale or transfer of a motor vehicle to a person
1-24 that does not hold a general distinguishing number issued under
1-25 Chapter 503, the seller or transferor may remove each license plate
1-26 and the registration insignia issued for the motor vehicle.

1-27 (c) On a sale or transfer of a motor vehicle in which neither
1-28 party holds a general distinguishing number issued under Chapter
1-29 503, the [The] part of the registration period remaining at the time
1-30 of the sale or transfer shall continue with the vehicle being sold
1-31 or transferred and does not transfer with the license plates or
1-32 registration validation insignia. To continue the remainder of the
1-33 registration period, the purchaser or transferee must file the
1-34 documents required under Section 520.031.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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