

1-1 By: Fraser S.B. No. 1742
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1-4 Security; April 28, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable
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1-6 1 present not voting; April 28, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1742 By: Watson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the operation of plug-in electric motor vehicles.
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 224.153, Transportation Code, is amended
1-13 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
1-14 (e) A motor vehicle displaying the "plug-in electric
1-15 vehicle" insignia authorized by Section 502.186 in an easily
1-16 readable location on the back of the vehicle may use a high
1-17 occupancy vehicle lane regardless of the number of occupants in the
1-18 vehicle unless the use would impair the receipt of federal funds.
1-19 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
1-20 is amended by adding Section 502.186 to read as follows:
1-21 Sec. 502.186. "PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE" INSIGNIA FOR
1-22 CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) At the time of registration or
1-23 reregistration of a motor vehicle, the department shall issue a
1-24 specially designed "plug-in electric vehicle" insignia for a motor
1-25 vehicle that:
1-26 (1) is made by a manufacturer primarily for use on
1-27 public highways;
1-28 (2) has not been modified from original manufacturer
1-29 specifications;
1-30 (3) is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded
1-31 gross vehicle weight;
1-32 (4) is acquired for use or lease by a consumer and not
1-33 for resale;
1-34 (5) has a speed capability of at least 65 miles per
1-35 hour;
1-36 (6) is propelled to a significant extent by an
1-37 electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that:
1-38 (A) has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt
1-39 hours; and
1-40 (B) is capable of being recharged from an
1-41 external source of electricity; and
1-42 (7) is not a recreational vehicle, as defined by
1-43 Section 522.004(b), that draws power from a battery or a hybrid
1-44 engine solely for purposes other than propulsion.
1-45 (b) The department shall issue a "plug-in electric vehicle"
1-46 insignia under this section to a person who:
1-47 (1) applies to the department on a form provided by the
1-48 department; and
1-49 (2) submits proof that the motor vehicle being
1-50 registered is a vehicle described by Subsection (a).
1-51 (c) The department may charge a fee for the issuance of a
1-52 "plug-in electric vehicle" insignia under this section. The fee
1-53 may not exceed \$20 per motor vehicle.
1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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