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H.B. No. 352

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the issuance of exempt license plates to certain  
3 open-enrollment charter school vehicles.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 502.453, Transportation  
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 502.453. GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLES; PUBLIC SCHOOL  
8 BUSES; OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL VEHICLES; FIRE-FIGHTING  
9 VEHICLES; COUNTY MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

10 SECTION 2. Section 502.453, Transportation Code, is amended  
11 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as  
12 follows:

13 (a) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer  
14 may annually apply for registration under Section 502.451 and is  
15 exempt from the payment of a registration fee under this chapter if  
16 the vehicle is:

- 17 (1) owned by and used exclusively in the service of:  
18 (A) the United States;  
19 (B) this state; or  
20 (C) a county, municipality, [~~or~~] school  
21 district, or open-enrollment charter school in this state;

22 (2) owned by a commercial transportation company and  
23 used exclusively to provide public school transportation services  
24 to a school district under Section 34.008, Education Code, or to an

1 open-enrollment charter school;

2 (3) designed and used exclusively for fire fighting;

3 (4) owned by a volunteer fire department and used  
4 exclusively in the conduct of department business;

5 (5) privately owned and used by a volunteer  
6 exclusively in county marine law enforcement activities, including  
7 rescue operations, under the direction of the sheriff's department;  
8 or

9 (6) used by law enforcement under an alias for covert  
10 criminal investigations.

11 (c) In this section, "open-enrollment charter school" means  
12 a school that has been granted a charter under Subchapter D or E,  
13 Chapter 12, Education Code.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.