

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain vehicles to be operated as farm vehicles on a road or highway in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.146, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) A specialty license plate may not be issued under Subsection (a) to an owner of a vehicle described by Subsection (b)(1) unless the vehicle's owner provides a registration number issued by the comptroller under Section 151.1551, Tax Code. The comptroller shall allow access to the online system established under Section 151.1551(1), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 502.433, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A commercial motor vehicle may not be registered under this section unless the vehicle's owner provides a registration number issued by the comptroller under Section 151.1551, Tax Code. The comptroller shall allow access to the online system established under Section 151.1551(1), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided under this subsection.

SECTION 3. Section 502.434, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A permit may not be issued under this section unless

1 the vehicle's owner provides a registration number issued by the
2 comptroller under Section 151.1551, Tax Code. The comptroller shall
3 allow access to the online system established under Section
4 151.1551(1), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided
5 under this subsection. This subsection does not apply to a permit
6 issued to a retail dealer of tools or equipment that is transporting
7 the tools or equipment from the place of purchase or storage to the
8 customer's farm or ranch.

9 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
10 502.146, 502.433, and 502.434, Transportation Code, apply only to
11 an application submitted for approval on or after the effective
12 date of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3256 was passed by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3256 on May 21, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3256 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor