

AN ACT

relating to the exemption from vehicle registration for certain farm vehicles owned by a farmers' cooperative society or marketing association.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.146, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsections (e) and (h) to read as follows:

(c-1) An exemption provided by this section applies to a vehicle owned by a farmers' cooperative society incorporated under Chapter 51, Agriculture Code, or a marketing association organized under Chapter 52, Agriculture Code, and used by members of the society or association for a fee if the vehicle otherwise meets the requirements for the exemption.

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), this ~~[This]~~ section does not apply to a farm trailer or farm semitrailer that:

- (1) is used for hire;
- (2) has metal tires operating in contact with the highway;
- (3) is not equipped with an adequate hitch pinned or locked so that it will remain securely engaged to the towing vehicle while in motion; or
- (4) is not operated and equipped in compliance with all other law.

1           (h) A specialty license plate may not be issued under  
2 Subsection (a) to an owner of a vehicle described by Subsection  
3 (b)(1) unless the vehicle's owner provides a registration number  
4 issued by the comptroller under Section [151.1551](#), Tax Code, or the  
5 vehicle is owned by a farmers' cooperative society incorporated  
6 under Chapter 51, Agriculture Code, or a marketing association  
7 organized under Chapter 52, Agriculture Code. The comptroller  
8 shall allow access to the online system established under Section  
9 [151.1551](#)(1), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided  
10 under this subsection.

11           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 75 was passed by the House on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 75 was passed by the Senate on May 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor