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H.B. No. 3704

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3704:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the development of a statewide motor vehicle
3 registration program to prevent transnational motor vehicle theft,
4 including authorizing proposed fees to support the program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 411.0094 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 411.0094. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM. (a)

9 The department shall develop a statewide motor vehicle registration
10 program to help prevent transnational motor vehicle theft. The
11 department may not implement the program unless the legislature
12 subsequently provides by general law for the implementation of the
13 program.

14 (b) Under the program, an owner of a motor vehicle may
15 register the motor vehicle with the department to authorize a peace
16 officer to stop the registered vehicle before the vehicle crosses
17 the international border of this state.

18 (c) The department shall develop a form to register a motor
19 vehicle under the program. The form must advise the owner of the
20 motor vehicle regarding the provisions of Subsection (f). A motor
21 vehicle may not be registered under the program unless the owner
22 consents to the provisions of Subsection (f).

23 (d) The program must provide a method for an owner to
24 withdraw a motor vehicle from the program. The program may not

1 require an owner of a motor vehicle to participate in the program.

2 (e) After implementation of the program, the department
3 shall maintain a database of all motor vehicles registered under
4 the program.

5 (f) A peace officer who observes a motor vehicle that is
6 registered under the program and is crossing the international
7 border of this state may stop the motor vehicle to determine whether
8 the motor vehicle is being operated by the owner or with the owner's
9 permission.

10 (g) The department shall propose rules to administer the
11 program and may propose a registration fee in an amount sufficient
12 to recover the cost of administering the program.

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