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H.B. No. 4082

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to license plates for certain vehicles used to provide
3 passenger transportation services for compensation; creating a
4 criminal offense.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 504.517 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 504.517. REQUIRED LICENSE PLATES FOR RIDE-FOR-HIRE
9 MOTOR VEHICLE. (a) In this section, "ride-for-hire motor vehicle"
10 means a motor vehicle that:

11 (1) is designed to carry not more than eight
12 passengers; and

13 (2) is licensed or registered with a municipality to
14 provide passenger transportation services for compensation.

15 (b) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
16 ride-for-hire motor vehicles. License plates issued under this
17 section must include the words "taxi," "livery," "ride-for-hire
18 vehicle," or other municipal designation, as appropriate.

19 (c) A ride-for-hire motor vehicle providing passenger
20 transportation services shall display license plates issued under
21 this section.

22 SECTION 2. Subchapter L, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
23 is amended by adding Section 504.949 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 504.949. RIDE-FOR-HIRE VEHICLES. A person commits an

1 offense if the person operates a vehicle in violation of Section
2 504.517(c). An offense under this section is a misdemeanor
3 punishable by a fine of not more than \$200.

4 SECTION 3. (a) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall
5 make available the license plates described by Section 504.517,
6 Transportation Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1,
7 2016.

8 (b) Section 504.517, Transportation Code, as added by this
9 Act, applies only to the operation of a vehicle used to provide
10 passenger transportation services on or after March 1, 2016.

11 SECTION 4. 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.