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S.B. No. 658

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the exemption from vehicle registration for certain
3 farm vehicles owned by a farmers' cooperative society or marketing
4 association.

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

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

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

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

17 (1) is used for hire;
18 (2) has metal tires operating in contact with the
19 highway;

20 (3) is not equipped with an adequate hitch pinned or
21 locked so that it will remain securely engaged to the towing vehicle
22 while in motion; or

23 (4) is not operated and equipped in compliance with
24 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.