

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 840  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2015; March 4, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
 1-4 April 20, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 20, 2015,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 840 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to certain trailer registration fees for veterans with  
 1-22 disabilities.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 502.254(a), Transportation Code, is  
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (a) Except as provided by Section 504.202, the [The] fee for  
 1-27 a registration year for registration of a trailer, travel trailer,  
 1-28 or semitrailer with a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less is  
 1-29 \$45.00.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 504.202, Transportation Code, is amended  
 1-31 by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (a-1)  
 1-32 and (j) to read as follows:

1-33 (a) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this  
 1-34 section may register, for the person's own use, and [one vehicle]  
 1-35 without payment of any fee paid for or at the time of registration  
 1-36 except the fee for the license plates:

1-37 (1) one motor vehicle; and

1-38 (2) one trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer.

1-39 (a-1) Registration under this section is valid for one year.

1-40 (b) A veteran of the United States armed forces is entitled  
 1-41 to register, for the person's own use, ~~motor~~ vehicles under this  
 1-42 section if:

1-43 (1) the person has suffered, as a result of military  
 1-44 service:

1-45 (A) at least a 50 percent service-connected  
 1-46 disability; or

1-47 (B) a 40 percent service-connected disability  
 1-48 because of the amputation of a lower extremity;

1-49 (2) the person receives compensation from the United  
 1-50 States because of the disability; and

1-51 (3) the ~~motor~~ vehicle~~+~~

1-52 ~~[(A)]~~ is owned by the person~~+~~ and:

1-53 (A) if the vehicle is a motor vehicle, ~~[(B)]~~ has  
 1-54 a gross vehicle weight of 18,000 pounds or less; or

1-55 (B) if the vehicle is a trailer, travel trailer,  
 1-56 or semitrailer, has a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less.

1-57 (j) In this section, "motor vehicle," "semitrailer,"  
 1-58 "trailer," "travel trailer," and "vehicle" have the meanings  
 1-59 assigned by Section 502.001.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a registration year that

2-1 begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

2-2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

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