

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 1959

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles of
3 alternative registration technologies for commercial motor
4 vehicles.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 1003, Transportation Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 1003.006 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1003.006. STUDY ON REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR
9 VEHICLES. (a) The department shall:

10 (1) conduct a study that:

11 (A) identifies and assesses alternative
12 technologies for registering commercial motor vehicles to replace
13 license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and
14 registration methods currently in use in this state; and

15 (B) evaluates the safety and suitability for use
16 on roadways of the technologies identified under Paragraph (A); and

17 (2) submit a report on the results of the study to the
18 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
19 representatives, and the chair of the standing committee of each
20 house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over
21 transportation issues not later than December 21, 2018.

22 (b) The department may collaborate with another state
23 agency or a research division of an institution of higher education
24 in this state to conduct the study.

1 (c) This section expires January 1, 2019.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.