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S.B. No. 1281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exemption from motor carrier registration for
3 certain vehicles transporting household goods.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 643.002, Transportation Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 643.002. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

8 (1) motor carrier operations exempt from registration
9 by the Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section
10 14504a) or a motor vehicle registered under the single state
11 registration system established under federal law [~~49 U.S.C.~~
12 ~~Section 14504(c)~~] when operating exclusively in interstate or
13 international commerce;

14 (2) a motor vehicle registered as a cotton vehicle
15 under Section 504.505;

16 (3) a motor vehicle the department by rule exempts
17 because the vehicle is subject to comparable registration and a
18 comparable safety program administered by another governmental
19 entity;

20 (4) a motor vehicle used to transport passengers
21 operated by an entity whose primary function is not the
22 transportation of passengers, such as a vehicle operated by a
23 hotel, day-care center, public or private school, nursing home, or
24 similar organization;

1 (5) a vehicle operating under a private carrier permit
2 issued under Chapter 42, Alcoholic Beverage Code;

3 (6) a vehicle operated by a governmental entity; ~~[or]~~

4 (7) a tow truck, as defined by Section 2308.002,
5 Occupations Code; or

6 (8) a passenger car or light truck, as those terms are
7 defined by Section 541.201, that is:

8 (A) transporting household goods; and

9 (B) operating exclusively in intrastate
10 commerce.

11 SECTION 2. Section 643.051(b), Transportation Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (b) A motor carrier may not operate a vehicle to which this
14 chapter applies~~[, regardless of size of the vehicle,]~~ to transport
15 household goods for compensation unless the carrier registers with
16 the department under this subchapter.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.