

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 1560
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 21, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 20, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 20, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a
 1-20 license plate.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 504.943, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-23 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (b) A person commits an offense if the person operates on a
 1-26 public highway during a registration period a road tractor, a
 1-27 motorcycle, a trailer, a ~~or~~ semitrailer, or a motor vehicle
 1-28 equipped by the manufacturer with not more than one area to display
 1-29 a license plate that does not display a license plate that:

1-30 (1) has been assigned by the department for the
 1-31 period; and

1-32 (2) complies with department rules regarding the
 1-33 placement of license plates.

1-34 (b-1) In this section, "area to display a license plate"
 1-35 means a feature of the exterior front or rear of a motor vehicle to
 1-36 which a person can fasten a license plate as required by rules
 1-37 regarding the placement of license plates adopted by the board
 1-38 under Section 504.010(c). The term does not include a feature if a
 1-39 person can only fasten a license plate to the feature after drilling
 1-40 through the exterior of the vehicle.

1-41 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-42 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-43 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-44 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-45 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-46 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-47 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-48 before that date.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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