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By:  King of Hemphill H.B. No. 666

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the criminal offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.

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

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

(b)  A person commits an offense if the person operates on a public highway during a registration period a road tractor, a motorcycle, a trailer, a [~~or~~] semitrailer, or a luxury passenger car that does not display a license plate that:

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

(2)  complies with department rules regarding the placement of license plates.

(b-1)  In this section, "luxury passenger car" means a passenger car that has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of at least $60,000 for a baseline model.

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

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.