By: King of Hemphill

H.B. No. 666

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the criminal offense of operating certain vehicles
- 3 without a license plate.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 504.943, Transportation Code, is amended
- 6 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 (b) A person commits an offense if the person operates on a
- 9 public highway during a registration period a road tractor, a
- 10 motorcycle,  $\underline{a}$  trailer,  $\underline{a}$  [ $\underline{or}$ ] semitrailer, or a luxury passenger
- 11 car that does not display a license plate that:
- 12 (1) has been assigned by the department for the
- 13 period; and
- 14 (2) complies with department rules regarding the
- 15 placement of license plates.
- 16 (b-1) In this section, "luxury passenger car" means a
- 17 passenger car that has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of
- 18 at least \$60,000 for a baseline model.
- 19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 20 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 21 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
- 22 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
- 23 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
- 24 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the

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- 1 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
- 2 before that date.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.