

By: King of Hemphill

H.B. No. 673

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, a trailer, a [~~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

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.