

1-1 By: Canales (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 2835
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2019;
 1-3 May 13, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 Nichols | X | | | |
| 1-8 Hancock | X | | | |
| 1-9 Alvarado | X | | | |
| 1-10 Hinojosa | X | | | |
| 1-11 Kolthorst | X | | | |
| 1-12 Perry | X | | | |
| 1-13 Rodríguez | X | | | |
| 1-14 Schwertner | X | | | |
| 1-15 West | X | | | |

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a defense to prosecution for the criminal offense of
 1-20 operating a vehicle with an expired license plate.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 502.407, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-23 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-24 (c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that
 1-25 at the time of the offense:

1-26 (1) the office of the county assessor-collector for
 1-27 the county in which the owner of the vehicle resided was closed for
 1-28 a protracted period of time in accordance with Section
 1-29 502.040(b)(2); and

1-30 (2) the vehicle's registration was expired for 30
 1-31 working days or less.

1-32 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-33 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-34 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-35 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and
 1-36 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-37 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-38 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-39 before that date.

1-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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