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H.B. No. 3571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exclusion of the operation of certain vehicles from commercial driver's license requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Section 522.004(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a vehicle that is controlled and operated by a farmer and:

(A) used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm;

(B) used within 150 miles of the person's farm; and

(C) not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier;

(2) a fire-fighting or emergency vehicle necessary to the preservation of life or property or the execution of emergency governmental functions, whether operated by an employee of a political subdivision or by a volunteer fire fighter;

(3) a military vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle, when operated for military purposes by military personnel, including:

(A) active duty military personnel, including personnel serving in the United States Coast Guard; and

1 (B) members of the reserves and national guard on
2 active duty, including personnel on full-time national guard duty,
3 personnel engaged in part-time training, and national guard
4 military technicians;

5 (4) a recreational vehicle that is driven for personal
6 use;

7 (5) a vehicle that is owned, leased, or controlled by
8 an air carrier, as defined by Section 21.155, and that is driven or
9 operated exclusively by an employee of the air carrier only on the
10 premises of an airport, as defined by Section 22.001, on service
11 roads to which the public does not have access; ~~or~~

12 (6) a vehicle used exclusively to transport seed
13 cotton modules or cotton burrs;

14 (7) a vehicle that is used for the purpose of
15 participating in equine activities or attending livestock shows, as
16 defined by Section 87.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code; or

17 (8) a covered farm vehicle as defined by 49 C.F.R.
18 Section 390.5.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.