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By:  Wu H.B. No. 502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of a license plate only on the rear of a motor vehicle; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 504.010, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d)  Rules adopted under Subsection (c) must:

(1)  authorize a motor vehicle to display only a rear license plate if the applicant for the vehicle's registration pays to the department an annual fee of $50; and

(2)  require a motor vehicle that displays only a rear license plate as authorized by Subdivision (1) to display on the vehicle's windshield a distinctive insignia issued by the department for validation of that authorization.

(e)  The department shall deposit a fee collected under Subsection (d) to the credit of the state highway fund.

SECTION 2.  Section 504.943(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person commits an offense if the person operates on a public highway, during a registration period, a motor vehicle that does not display in compliance with department rules:

(1)  two license plates [~~that:~~

[~~(1)  have been~~] assigned by the department for the period; or [~~and~~]

(2)  a rear license plate assigned by the department for the period and a windshield insignia as described by Section 504.010(d) [~~comply with department rules regarding the placement of license plates~~].

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.