By:  Taylor S.B. No. 2012

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

Seliger           X

Alvarado          X

Blanco                     X

Hancock           X

Hinojosa          X

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

West              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 504.943, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b)  A person commits an offense if the person operates on a public highway during a registration period a road tractor, a motorcycle, a trailer, a [~~or~~] semitrailer, or a motor vehicle equipped by the manufacturer with not more than one area to display a license plate that does not display a license plate that:

(1)  has been assigned by the department for the period; and

(2)  complies with department rules regarding the placement of license plates.

(b-1)  In this section, "area to display a license plate" means a feature of the exterior front or rear of a motor vehicle to which a license plate may be fastened as required by rules regarding the placement of license plates adopted by the board under Section 504.010(c). The term does not include a feature to which a license plate may be fastened only after drilling through the exterior of the vehicle.

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

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

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