

1-1 By: Martinez (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 3531
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3531 By: Seliger

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to motor vehicle titles, registration, and license plates.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 501,
 1-24 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
 1-25 SUBCHAPTER B. ~~[CERTIFICATE OF]~~ TITLE REQUIREMENTS
 1-26 SECTION 2. Section 501.0234(b), Transportation Code, is
 1-27 amended to read as follows:
 1-28 (b) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle:
 1-29 (1) that has been declared a total loss by an insurance
 1-30 company in the settlement or adjustment of a claim;
 1-31 (2) for which the title has been surrendered in
 1-32 exchange for:
 1-33 (A) a salvage vehicle title ~~[or salvage record of~~
 1-34 ~~title]~~ issued under this chapter;
 1-35 (B) a nonrepairable vehicle title ~~[or~~
 1-36 ~~nonrepairable vehicle record of title]~~ issued under this chapter or
 1-37 a certificate of authority issued under Subchapter D, Chapter 683;
 1-38 or
 1-39 (C) an ownership document issued by another state
 1-40 that is comparable to a document described by Paragraph (A) or (B);
 1-41 (3) with a gross weight in excess of 11,000 pounds; or
 1-42 (4) purchased by a commercial fleet buyer who:
 1-43 (A) is a deputy authorized by rules adopted under
 1-44 Section 520.0071;
 1-45 (B) utilizes the dealer title application
 1-46 process developed to provide a method to submit title transactions
 1-47 to the county in which the commercial fleet buyer is a deputy; and
 1-48 (C) has authority to accept an application for
 1-49 registration and application for title transfer that the county
 1-50 assessor-collector may accept.
 1-51 SECTION 3. Section 501.0276, Transportation Code, is
 1-52 amended to read as follows:
 1-53 Sec. 501.0276. DENIAL OF TITLE RECEIPT OR ~~[7]~~ TITLE ~~[7 OR~~
 1-54 ~~RECORD OF TITLE]~~ FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF EMISSIONS
 1-55 TESTING. A county assessor-collector may not issue a title receipt
 1-56 and the department may not issue a ~~[certificate of]~~ title for a
 1-57 vehicle subject to Section 548.3011 unless proof that the vehicle
 1-58 has passed a vehicle emissions test as required by that section, in
 1-59 a manner authorized by that section, is presented to the county
 1-60 assessor-collector with the application for a title.

2-1 SECTION 4. Section 501.0301(b), Transportation Code, is
2-2 amended to read as follows:

2-3 (b) A county assessor-collector may not issue a title
2-4 receipt and the department may not issue a ~~[certificate of]~~ title
2-5 for an off-highway vehicle purchased from a retailer located
2-6 outside this state and designated by the manufacturer as a model
2-7 year that is not more than one year before the year in which the
2-8 application for title is made unless the applicant for the title
2-9 delivers to the assessor-collector or the department, as
2-10 applicable, satisfactory evidence showing that the applicant:

2-11 (1) has paid to the comptroller the applicable use tax
2-12 imposed on the vehicle under Subchapter D, Chapter 151, Tax Code; or

2-13 (2) is not required to pay any taxes described by
2-14 Subdivision (1).

2-15 SECTION 5. The heading to Section 501.038, Transportation
2-16 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-17 Sec. 501.038. ~~[CERTIFICATE OF]~~ TITLE FOR CUSTOM VEHICLE OR
2-18 STREET ROD.

2-19 SECTION 6. Section 501.038(b), Transportation Code, is
2-20 amended to read as follows:

2-21 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if
2-22 the department issues a ~~[certificate of]~~ title for a custom vehicle
2-23 or street rod, the model year and make of the vehicle must be listed
2-24 on the ~~[certificate of]~~ title and must be the model year and make
2-25 that the body of the vehicle resembles. The ~~[certificate of]~~ title
2-26 must also include the word "replica."

2-27 SECTION 7. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 501,
2-28 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-29 SUBCHAPTER C. REFUSAL TO ISSUE, REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR
2-30 ALTERATION OF TITLE ~~[CERTIFICATE]~~

2-31 SECTION 8. Section 501.051, Transportation Code, is amended
2-32 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

2-33 (d) The department shall place a hold on processing a title
2-34 application for a motor vehicle if the department receives a
2-35 request for a hold accompanied by evidence of a legal action
2-36 regarding ownership of or a lien interest in the motor vehicle. The
2-37 hold shall continue until a final, nonappealable judgment is
2-38 entered in the action or the party requesting the hold requests that
2-39 the hold be removed.

2-40 SECTION 9. Section 501.052, Transportation Code, is amended
2-41 by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
2-42 follows:

2-43 (e) An applicant aggrieved by the determination under
2-44 Subsection (d) may appeal only to the county or district court of
2-45 the county of the applicant's residence. An applicant must file an
2-46 appeal not later than the fifth day after receipt ~~[the date]~~ of the
2-47 assessor-collector's determination. The judge shall try the
2-48 appeal in the manner of other civil cases. All rights and
2-49 immunities granted in the trial of a civil case are available to the
2-50 interested parties. If the department's action is not sustained,
2-51 the department shall promptly issue a title for the vehicle.

2-52 (f) A person may not apply for a hearing under this section
2-53 if the department's decision under Section 501.051 is related to a
2-54 title for a salvage motor vehicle or a nonrepairable motor vehicle,
2-55 as defined by Section 501.091.

2-56 SECTION 10. Section 501.053, Transportation Code, is
2-57 amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

2-58 (f) A person may not obtain a title under this section for a
2-59 salvage motor vehicle or a nonrepairable motor vehicle, as defined
2-60 by Section 501.091.

2-61 SECTION 11. Section 501.074(a), Transportation Code, is
2-62 amended to read as follows:

2-63 (a) The department shall issue a new title for a motor
2-64 vehicle registered in this state for which the ownership is
2-65 transferred by operation of law or other involuntary divestiture of
2-66 ownership after receiving:

2-67 (1) a certified copy of an order appointing a
2-68 temporary administrator or of the probate proceedings;

2-69 (2) letters testamentary or letters of

3-1 administration;
 3-2 (3) if administration of an estate is not necessary,
 3-3 an affidavit showing that administration is not necessary,
 3-4 identifying all heirs, and including a statement by the heirs of the
 3-5 name in which the title [~~certificate~~] shall be issued;
 3-6 (4) a court order; or
 3-7 (5) the bill of sale from an officer making a judicial
 3-8 sale.

3-9 SECTION 12. Section 501.091, Transportation Code, is
 3-10 amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) and amending Subdivisions (10)
 3-11 and (16) to read as follows:

3-12 (1-a) "Auction sales receipt" means a document
 3-13 certifying the sale of a motor vehicle at auction by a law
 3-14 enforcement agency or public sale for a lien foreclosure.

3-15 (10) "Nonrepairable vehicle title" means a
 3-16 nonrepairable record of title or printed document issued by the
 3-17 department that evidences ownership of a nonrepairable motor
 3-18 vehicle.

3-19 (16) "Salvage vehicle title" means a salvage record of
 3-20 title or printed document issued by the department that evidences
 3-21 ownership of a salvage motor vehicle.

3-22 SECTION 13. The heading to Section 501.09111,
 3-23 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

3-24 Sec. 501.09111. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS OF NONREPAIRABLE
 3-25 VEHICLE TITLE OR [~~NONREPAIRABLE RECORD OF TITLE,~~] SALVAGE VEHICLE
 3-26 TITLE [~~OR SALVAGE RECORD OF TITLE~~].

3-27 SECTION 14. Section 501.09111(b), Transportation Code, is
 3-28 amended to read as follows:

3-29 (b) A person who holds a nonrepairable vehicle [~~certificate~~
 3-30 ~~of~~] title issued prior to September 1, 2003, is entitled to the
 3-31 same rights listed in Subsection (a) and may repair, rebuild, or
 3-32 reconstruct the motor vehicle.

3-33 SECTION 15. Sections 501.09112(b), (d), (e), and (f),
 3-34 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

3-35 (b) A nonrepairable vehicle title must clearly indicate
 3-36 that the motor vehicle:

- 3-37 (1) may not be:
 - 3-38 (A) issued a [~~regular~~] title;
 - 3-39 (B) registered in this state; or
 - 3-40 (C) repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed; and

3-41 (2) may be used only as a source for used parts or
 3-42 scrap metal.

3-43 (d) A salvage vehicle title [~~or a salvage record of title~~]
 3-44 for a vehicle that is a salvage motor vehicle because of damage
 3-45 caused exclusively by flood must bear a notation that the
 3-46 department considers appropriate. If the title for a motor vehicle
 3-47 reflects the notation required by this subsection, the owner may
 3-48 sell, transfer, or release the motor vehicle only as provided by
 3-49 this subchapter.

3-50 (e) An electronic application for a nonrepairable vehicle
 3-51 title or [~~nonrepairable record of title,~~] salvage vehicle title
 3-52 [~~or salvage record of title~~] must clearly advise the applicant of
 3-53 the same provisions required on a printed title.

3-54 (f) A nonrepairable vehicle title or [~~nonrepairable~~
 3-55 ~~record of title,~~] salvage vehicle title [~~or salvage record of~~
 3-56 ~~title~~] in the department's electronic database must include
 3-57 appropriate remarks so that the vehicle record clearly shows the
 3-58 status of the vehicle.

3-59 SECTION 16. The heading to Section 501.0925, Transportation
 3-60 Code, is amended to read as follows:

3-61 Sec. 501.0925. INSURANCE COMPANY NOT REQUIRED TO SURRENDER
 3-62 EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP [~~CERTIFICATES OF TITLE~~] IN CERTAIN
 3-63 SITUATIONS.

3-64 SECTION 17. Sections 501.0925(a), (b), (c), (d), and (f),
 3-65 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

3-66 (a) An insurance company that acquires, through payment of a
 3-67 claim, ownership or possession of a motor vehicle covered by a
 3-68 [~~certificate of~~] title or a manufacturer's certificate of origin
 3-69 that the company is unable to obtain may obtain from the department

4-1 not earlier than the 30th day after the date of payment of the
4-2 claim:

4-3 (1) a salvage vehicle title for a salvage motor
4-4 vehicle;

4-5 (2) a nonrepairable vehicle title for a nonrepairable
4-6 motor vehicle; or

4-7 (3) a ~~[regular certificate of]~~ title for a motor
4-8 vehicle other than a salvage motor vehicle or a nonrepairable motor
4-9 vehicle.

4-10 (b) An application for a title under Subsection (a) must be
4-11 ~~[submitted to the department]~~ on a form prescribed by the
4-12 department and include:

4-13 (1) a statement that the insurance company has
4-14 provided at least two written notices attempting to obtain the
4-15 evidence of ownership ~~[certificate of title]~~ for the motor vehicle;
4-16 and

4-17 (2) evidence acceptable to the department that the
4-18 insurance company has made payment of a claim involving the motor
4-19 vehicle.

4-20 (c) An insurance company that acquires, through payment of a
4-21 claim, ownership or possession of a motor vehicle covered by a
4-22 ~~[certificate of]~~ title or a manufacturer's certificate of origin
4-23 for which the company is unable to obtain proper assignment of the
4-24 title or manufacturer's certificate of origin ~~[certificate]~~ may
4-25 obtain from the department not earlier than the 30th day after the
4-26 date of payment of the claim:

4-27 (1) a salvage vehicle title for a salvage motor
4-28 vehicle;

4-29 (2) a nonrepairable vehicle title for a nonrepairable
4-30 motor vehicle; or

4-31 (3) a ~~[regular certificate of]~~ title for a motor
4-32 vehicle other than a salvage motor vehicle or a nonrepairable motor
4-33 vehicle.

4-34 (d) An application for a title under Subsection (c) must be
4-35 ~~[submitted to the department]~~ on a form prescribed by the
4-36 department and include:

4-37 (1) a statement that the insurance company has
4-38 provided at least two written notices attempting to obtain a proper
4-39 assignment of the evidence of ownership ~~[certificate of title]~~; and

4-40 (2) the evidence of ownership ~~[certificate of title]~~.

4-41 (f) An insurance company that acquires, through payment of a
4-42 claim, ownership or possession of a motor vehicle, salvage motor
4-43 vehicle, or nonrepairable motor vehicle covered by an out-of-state
4-44 title or out-of-state ownership document may obtain from the
4-45 department a title, salvage vehicle title, or nonrepairable vehicle
4-46 title, as appropriate, if:

4-47 (1) the motor vehicle was damaged, stolen, or
4-48 recovered in this state;

4-49 (2) the motor vehicle owner from whom the company
4-50 acquired ownership resides in this state; or

4-51 (3) otherwise allowed by department rule.

4-52 SECTION 18. Sections 501.097(a) and (c-1), Transportation
4-53 Code, are amended to read as follows:

4-54 (a) An application for a nonrepairable vehicle title or ~~[~~
4-55 ~~nonrepairable record of title,~~ salvage vehicle title ~~[, or salvage~~
4-56 ~~record of title]~~ must:

4-57 (1) be made in a manner prescribed by the department
4-58 and accompanied by a \$8 application fee;

4-59 (2) include, in addition to any other information
4-60 required by the department:

4-61 (A) the name and current address of the owner;
4-62 and

4-63 (B) a description of the motor vehicle, including
4-64 the make, style of body, model year, and vehicle identification
4-65 number; and

4-66 (3) include the name and address of:

4-67 (A) any currently recorded lienholder, if the
4-68 motor vehicle is a nonrepairable motor vehicle; or

4-69 (B) any currently recorded lienholder or a new

5-1 lienholder, if the motor vehicle is a salvage motor vehicle.

5-2 (c-1) The department's titling system must include a remark
5-3 that clearly identifies the vehicle as a salvage motor vehicle or
5-4 nonrepairable motor vehicle.

5-5 SECTION 19. The heading to Section 501.100, Transportation
5-6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

5-7 Sec. 501.100. APPLICATION FOR [~~REGULAR CERTIFICATE OF~~]
5-8 TITLE FOR SALVAGE VEHICLE.

5-9 SECTION 20. Sections 501.100(a) and (f), Transportation
5-10 Code, are amended to read as follows:

5-11 (a) The owner of a motor vehicle for which a nonrepairable
5-12 vehicle title issued prior to September 1, 2003, [~~or~~] for which a
5-13 salvage vehicle title [~~or salvage record of title~~] has been issued,
5-14 or for which a comparable out-of-state ownership document for a
5-15 salvage motor vehicle has been issued may apply for a title under
5-16 Section 501.023 after the motor vehicle has been repaired, rebuilt,
5-17 or reconstructed and, in addition to any other requirement of law,
5-18 only if the application:

5-19 (1) describes each major component part used to
5-20 repair, rebuild, or reconstruct the motor vehicle;

5-21 (2) states the name of each person from whom the parts
5-22 used in repairing, rebuilding, or reconstructing [~~assembling~~]
5-23 the vehicle were obtained; and

5-24 (3) shows the identification number required by
5-25 federal law to be affixed to or inscribed on the part.

5-26 (f) The department may not issue a [~~regular~~] title for a
5-27 motor vehicle based on a:

5-28 (1) nonrepairable vehicle title issued on or after
5-29 September 1, 2003, or comparable out-of-state ownership document or
5-30 record, or evidence of a notation described by Section
5-31 501.09113(a)(2) on an out-of-state ownership document or record in
5-32 the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System;

5-33 (2) receipt issued under Section 501.1003(b); or

5-34 (3) certificate of authority issued under Chapter 683.

5-35 SECTION 21. Sections 501.1001(b), (c), and (d),
5-36 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

5-37 (b) For a salvage motor vehicle, the insurance company shall
5-38 apply for a salvage vehicle title [~~or salvage record of~~
5-39 ~~title~~]. For a nonrepairable motor vehicle, the insurance company
5-40 shall apply for a nonrepairable vehicle title [~~or nonrepairable~~
5-41 ~~record of title~~].

5-42 (c) An insurance company or other person who acquires
5-43 ownership of a motor vehicle other than a nonrepairable motor
5-44 vehicle or salvage motor vehicle may voluntarily and on proper
5-45 application obtain a salvage vehicle title or [~~salvage record of~~
5-46 ~~title~~], nonrepairable vehicle title [~~or nonrepairable record of~~
5-47 ~~title~~] for the vehicle.

5-48 (d) This subsection applies only to a motor vehicle in this
5-49 state that is a self-insured motor vehicle and that is damaged to
5-50 the extent it becomes a nonrepairable motor vehicle or salvage
5-51 motor vehicle. The owner of a motor vehicle to which this
5-52 subsection applies shall submit to the department before the 31st
5-53 business day after the date of the damage, in a manner prescribed by
5-54 the department, a statement that the motor vehicle was self-insured
5-55 and damaged. When the owner submits a report, the owner shall
5-56 surrender the ownership document and apply for a nonrepairable
5-57 vehicle title or [~~nonrepairable record of title~~], salvage vehicle
5-58 title [~~or salvage record of title~~].

5-59 SECTION 22. Section 501.1002(b), Transportation Code, is
5-60 amended to read as follows:

5-61 (b) The owner of a salvage motor vehicle or nonrepairable
5-62 motor vehicle may not transfer ownership of the motor vehicle by
5-63 sale or otherwise unless the department has issued a salvage
5-64 vehicle title or [~~salvage record of title~~], nonrepairable vehicle
5-65 title [~~or nonrepairable record of title~~] for the motor vehicle or
5-66 a comparable ownership document has been issued by another state or
5-67 jurisdiction for the motor vehicle in the name of the owner.

5-68 SECTION 23. Section 501.1003, Transportation Code, is
5-69 amended to read as follows:

6-1 Sec. 501.1003. SALVAGE VEHICLE DEALER RESPONSIBILITIES.
 6-2 (a) If a salvage vehicle dealer acquires ownership of a
 6-3 nonrepairable motor vehicle or salvage motor vehicle for the
 6-4 purpose of dismantling, scrapping, or destroying the motor vehicle,
 6-5 the dealer shall, before the 31st day after the date the dealer
 6-6 acquires the motor vehicle, submit to the department a report
 6-7 stating that the motor vehicle will be dismantled, scrapped, or
 6-8 destroyed. The dealer shall:

6-9 (1) make the report in a manner prescribed by the
 6-10 department; and

6-11 (2) submit with the report a properly assigned
 6-12 manufacturer's certificate of origin, [~~regular certificate of~~]
 6-13 title, nonrepairable vehicle title, salvage vehicle title, auction
 6-14 sales receipt, or comparable out-of-state ownership document for
 6-15 the motor vehicle.

6-16 (b) After receiving the report and title, manufacturer's
 6-17 certificate of origin, auction sales receipt, or document, the
 6-18 department shall issue the salvage vehicle dealer a receipt for the
 6-19 manufacturer's certificate of origin, [~~regular certificate of~~]
 6-20 title, nonrepairable vehicle title, salvage vehicle title, auction
 6-21 sales receipt, or comparable out-of-state ownership document.

6-22 (c) The department shall adopt rules to notify the salvage
 6-23 vehicle dealer if the vehicle was not issued a printed title, but
 6-24 has a record of title in the department's titling system.

6-25 SECTION 24. Section 501.107(b), Transportation Code, is
 6-26 amended to read as follows:

6-27 (b) A metal recycler shall submit to the department the
 6-28 properly assigned manufacturer's certificate of origin, [~~regular~~
 6-29 ~~certificate of~~] title, nonrepairable vehicle title, salvage
 6-30 vehicle title, or comparable out-of-state ownership document that
 6-31 the person receives in conjunction with the purchase of a motor
 6-32 vehicle not later than the 60th day after the date the metal
 6-33 recycler receives the title or out-of-state ownership document.

6-34 SECTION 25. Section 501.109(c), Transportation Code, is
 6-35 amended to read as follows:

6-36 (c) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly
 6-37 fails or refuses to surrender a [~~regular~~] certificate of title
 6-38 after the person:

6-39 (1) receives a notice from an insurance company that
 6-40 the motor vehicle is a nonrepairable motor vehicle or salvage motor
 6-41 vehicle; or

6-42 (2) knows the vehicle has become a nonrepairable motor
 6-43 vehicle or salvage motor vehicle under Section 501.1001.

6-44 SECTION 26. Section 501.110(b), Transportation Code, is
 6-45 amended to read as follows:

6-46 (b) The department, an agent, officer, or employee of the
 6-47 department, or another person enforcing this subchapter is not
 6-48 liable to a person damaged or injured by an act or omission relating
 6-49 to the issuance or revocation of a title, nonrepairable vehicle
 6-50 title, or [~~nonrepairable record of title,~~] salvage vehicle title [~~7~~
 6-51 ~~or salvage record of title~~] under this subchapter.

6-52 SECTION 27. Section 501.152(a), Transportation Code, is
 6-53 amended to read as follows:

6-54 (a) Except as provided by this section, a person commits an
 6-55 offense if the person:

6-56 (1) sells, offers to sell, or offers as security for an
 6-57 obligation a motor vehicle registered in this state; and

6-58 (2) does not possess or have electronic access to the
 6-59 title receipt or [~~certificate of~~] title for the vehicle.

6-60 SECTION 28. Section 502.094, Transportation Code, is
 6-61 amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

6-62 (i) A permit issued under this section must be carried in
 6-63 the vehicle, or, if the vehicle is a trailer or semitrailer, in the
 6-64 motor vehicle pulling the trailer or semitrailer, at all times
 6-65 during the period in which the permit is valid, including when the
 6-66 vehicle is being operated.

6-67 SECTION 29. Section 502.095(f), Transportation Code, is
 6-68 amended to read as follows:

6-69 (f) A registration receipt shall be carried in the vehicle

7-1 at all times during the period in which it is valid. The permit
 7-2 [~~temporary tag~~] must contain all pertinent information required by
 7-3 this section and must be attached to the vehicle in the license
 7-4 plate display area located at the rear of the vehicle, so that the
 7-5 entire permit is visible and legible at all times, including when
 7-6 the vehicle is being operated. If the vehicle does not have a
 7-7 license plate display area at the rear of the vehicle, the permit
 7-8 [displayed in the rear window of the vehicle so that the tag is
 7-9 clearly visible and legible when viewed from the rear of the
 7-10 vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a rear window, the temporary
 7-11 tag] must be attached to [on or carried in] the vehicle to allow
 7-12 ready inspection. The registration receipt must be carried, in a
 7-13 manner prescribed by the department, in the vehicle at all times
 7-14 during the period in which it is valid.

7-15 SECTION 30. Sections 502.454(a), (b), and (f),
 7-16 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

7-17 (a) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle, trailer, or
 7-18 semitrailer may apply for registration under Section 502.451 and is
 7-19 exempt from the payment of the registration fee that would
 7-20 otherwise be required by this chapter if the vehicle is:

7-21 (1) owned [and used exclusively for emergencies] by a
 7-22 nonprofit disaster relief organization; and

7-23 (2) used by the organization exclusively for
 7-24 emergencies, training, equipment maintenance, transportation of
 7-25 disaster relief supplies, or other activities related to disaster
 7-26 relief.

7-27 (b) An application for registration under this section must
 7-28 include:

7-29 (1) a statement by the owner of the vehicle that the
 7-30 vehicle is used exclusively as described by Subsection (a) [~~for~~
 7-31 ~~emergencies~~] and has not been used for any other purpose;

7-32 (2) a statement signed by an officer of the nonprofit
 7-33 disaster relief organization that the vehicle has [~~not~~]
 7-34 exclusively as described by Subsection (a) [for any purpose other
 7-35 than emergencies] and qualifies for registration under this
 7-36 section; and

7-37 (3) a reasonable description of the vehicle and the
 7-38 emergency equipment included in the vehicle.

7-39 (f) A vehicle registered under this section that is used
 7-40 [~~for any purpose~~] other than as described by Subsection (a) [~~an~~
 7-41 ~~emergency~~] may not again be registered under this section.

7-42 SECTION 31. Section 502.474, Transportation Code, is
 7-43 amended to read as follows:

7-44 Sec. 502.474. OPERATION OF ONE-TRIP PERMIT VEHICLE. A
 7-45 person commits an offense if the person operates a vehicle for which
 7-46 a one-trip permit is required without the registration receipt and
 7-47 properly displayed permit [temporary tag].

7-48 SECTION 32. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is
 7-49 amended to read as follows:

7-50 (e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection
 7-51 (h), license plates issued under this section may include, on
 7-52 request, [+]

7-53 [(1) ~~the emblem of the veteran's branch of service, or~~
 7-54 [(2)] one emblem or design from another license plate
 7-55 to which the person is entitled under Subchapter D [Section
 7-56 504.308, 504.309, 504.310(b), 504.311, 504.312, 504.313, 504.3135,
 7-57 504.314, 504.315, 504.316, 504.3161, 504.318, 504.319, 504.320,
 7-58 504.323, as added by Chapter 1085 (H.B. 3567), Acts of the 85th
 7-59 Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, or 504.325].

7-60 SECTION 33. Section 504.3015(a), Transportation Code, is
 7-61 amended to read as follows:

7-62 (a) A person applying for a set of license plates under this
 7-63 subchapter shall pay the registration fee required under Chapter
 7-64 502 and the applicable special plate fee required under this
 7-65 section, except that one set of license plates shall be issued
 7-66 without the payment of the registration fee under:

7-67 (1) Section 504.308;

7-68 (2) Section 504.310(b);

7-69 (3) Section 504.315, other than Subsections (c) and

8-1 (q) of that section; ~~and~~
8-2 (4) Section 504.316; and
8-3 (5) Section 504.319.

8-4 SECTION 34. Section 504.403, Transportation Code, as
8-5 amended by Chapter 1296 (H.B. 2357), Acts of the 82nd Legislature,
8-6 Regular Session, 2011, and repealed by Chapter 1290 (H.B. 2017),
8-7 Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is reenacted
8-8 and amended to read as follows:

8-9 Sec. 504.403. STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES. (a) The department
8-10 shall issue specialty license plates for a current or visiting
8-11 state or federal judge. Except as provided by Subsection (b), the
8-12 ~~[The]~~ license plates must include the words "State Judge" or "U.S.
8-13 Judge," as appropriate.

8-14 (b) A person entitled to license plates under this section
8-15 may elect to receive license plates that do not include the words
8-16 "State Judge" or "U.S. Judge."

8-17 (c) ~~[(d)]~~ In this section, "state~~[-~~
8-18 ~~[-(2)]~~ "state] judge" means:

- 8-19 (1) ~~[(A)]~~ a justice of the supreme court;
- 8-20 (2) ~~[(B)]~~ a judge of the court of criminal appeals;
- 8-21 (3) ~~[(C)]~~ a judge of a court of appeals of this state;
- 8-22 (4) ~~[(D)]~~ a district court judge;
- 8-23 (5) ~~[(E)]~~ a presiding judge of an administrative
8-24 judicial district; or
- 8-25 (6) ~~[(F)]~~ a statutory county court judge.

8-26 SECTION 35. Section 504.943(b), Transportation Code, is
8-27 amended to read as follows:

8-28 (b) A person commits an offense if the person operates on a
8-29 public highway during a registration period a road tractor, truck
8-30 tractor, motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer that does not display
8-31 a license plate that:

- 8-32 (1) has been assigned by the department for the
8-33 period; and
- 8-34 (2) complies with department rules regarding the
8-35 placement of license plates.

8-36 SECTION 36. Sections 504.654, 504.660, and 504.664,
8-37 Transportation Code, are repealed.

8-38 SECTION 37. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
8-39 over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021,
8-40 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
8-41 codes.

8-42 SECTION 38. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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