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H.B. No. 3926

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the inclusion of temporary vehicle tags in the offense
3 of tampering with a governmental record.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 37.01(2), Penal Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (2) "Governmental record" means:

8 (A) anything belonging to, received by, or kept
9 by government for information, including a court record;

10 (B) anything required by law to be kept by others
11 for information of government;

12 (C) a license, certificate, permit, seal, title,
13 letter of patent, or similar document issued by government, by
14 another state, or by the United States;

15 (D) a standard proof of motor vehicle liability
16 insurance form described by Section 601.081, Transportation Code, a
17 certificate of an insurance company described by Section 601.083 of
18 that code, a document purporting to be such a form or certificate
19 that is not issued by an insurer authorized to write motor vehicle
20 liability insurance in this state, an electronic submission in a
21 form described by Section 502.046(i), Transportation Code, or an
22 evidence of financial responsibility described by Section 601.053
23 of that code;

24 (E) an official ballot or other election record;

1 [~~or~~]

2 (F) the written documentation a mobile food unit
3 is required to obtain under Section 437.0074, Health and Safety
4 Code; or

5 (G) a temporary tag issued under Chapter 502 or
6 503, Transportation Code.

7 SECTION 2. Section 521.3466(a), Transportation Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) A license is automatically revoked on final conviction
10 of the license holder of an offense under Section 37.10, Penal Code,
11 if the governmental record was a motor vehicle license plate or
12 registration insignia, within the meaning of Chapter 502, a
13 temporary tag issued under Chapter 502 or 503, or a vehicle
14 inspection report, within the meaning of Chapter 548.

15 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
16 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
17 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
18 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
19 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
20 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
21 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.