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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of private passenger vehicle rental companies.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 91.001(6) and (7), Business & Commerce Code, are amended to read as follows:

(6)  "Rental agreement" means an agreement for 180 [~~30~~] days or less that states the terms governing the use of a private passenger vehicle rented by a rental company.

(7)  "Rental company" means a person in the business of renting private passenger vehicles to the public for 180 [~~30~~] days or less. The term does not include a person who holds a license under Chapter 2301, Occupations Code, and whose primary business activity is not renting private passenger vehicles.

SECTION 2.  Sections 91.001(6) and (7), Business & Commerce Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a rental agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A rental agreement entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.