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H.B. No. 2686

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration of frac tanks; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.146, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(a) The department shall issue distinguishing license plates to a vehicle described by Subsection (b), ~~or~~ (c), or (i). The fee for the license plates is \$5 and shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles fund.

(i) The department shall issue a distinguishing license plate under this section for a frac tank that does not expire or require an annual registration insignia to be valid. The alphanumeric pattern for a license plate issued under this subsection may remain on a frac tank for as long as the license plate for the frac tank is renewed or until the frac tank is removed from service or sold. The registration receipt required under Section 621.002 is not required for a frac tank that displays a license plate issued under this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, "frac tank" means a portable or stationary high-volume holding vessel designed and constructed for use in separating, storing, or temporarily holding materials used in or resulting from fracturing techniques in oil and gas exploration.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.