

1-1 By: Dean (Senate Sponsor - King) H.B. No. 2686
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2025;
1-3 May 12, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	West	X		
1-10	Bettencourt		X	
1-11	Hagenbuch	X		
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	King		X	
1-15	Miles		X	
1-16	Perry		X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the registration of frac tanks; authorizing a fee.
1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-21 SECTION 1. Section 502.146, Transportation Code, is amended
1-22 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (i) to read as
1-23 follows:
1-24 (a) The department shall issue distinguishing license
1-25 plates to a vehicle described by Subsection (b), ~~or~~ (c), or (i).
1-26 The fee for the license plates is \$5 and shall be deposited to the
1-27 credit of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles fund.
1-28 (i) The department shall issue a distinguishing license
1-29 plate under this section for a frac tank that does not expire or
1-30 require an annual registration insignia to be valid. The
1-31 alphanumeric pattern for a license plate issued under this
1-32 subsection may remain on a frac tank for as long as the license
1-33 plate for the frac tank is renewed or until the frac tank is removed
1-34 from service or sold. The registration receipt required under
1-35 Section 621.002 is not required for a frac tank that displays a
1-36 license plate issued under this subsection. For purposes of this
1-37 subsection, "frac tank" means a portable or stationary high-volume
1-38 holding vessel designed and constructed for use in separating,
1-39 storing, or temporarily holding materials used in or resulting from
1-40 fracturing techniques in oil and gas exploration.
1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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