

1-1 By: Hilderbran (Senate Sponsor - Davis) H.B. No. 2553
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2553 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the registration and operation of certain motor
1-11 vehicles.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 29.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 29.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "off-highway
1-16 vehicle" means:

1-17 (1) an all-terrain vehicle, as defined by Section
1-18 663.001, Transportation Code;

1-19 (2) an off-highway motorcycle; ~~and~~

1-20 (3) a recreational off-highway vehicle, as defined by
1-21 Section 502.001, Transportation Code; and

1-22 (4) any other motorized vehicle used for off-highway
1-23 recreation on:

1-24 (A) public land over which the department has
1-25 authority or on land purchased or leased by the department; or

1-26 (B) land acquired or developed under a grant made
1-27 under Section 29.008 or any other grant program operated or
1-28 administered by the department.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 501.002(14), Transportation Code, is
1-30 amended to read as follows:

1-31 (14) "Motor vehicle" means:

1-32 (A) any motor driven or propelled vehicle
1-33 required to be registered under the laws of this state;

1-34 (B) a trailer or semitrailer, other than
1-35 manufactured housing, that has a gross vehicle weight that exceeds
1-36 4,000 pounds;

1-37 (C) a house trailer;

1-38 (D) an all-terrain vehicle or a recreational
1-39 off-highway vehicle, as those terms are defined by Section 502.001,
1-40 designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use that is not
1-41 required to be registered under the laws of this state; or

1-42 (E) a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped
1-43 that is not required to be registered under the laws of this state,
1-44 other than a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped designed for
1-45 and used exclusively on a golf course.

1-46 SECTION 3. Section 502.001, Transportation Code, is amended
1-47 by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (19-a) to read
1-48 as follows:

1-49 (1) "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that
1-50 is:

1-51 (A) equipped with a saddle [~~bench, or bucket~~
1-52 ~~seats~~] for the use of:

1-53 (i) the rider; and

1-54 (ii) a passenger, if the motor vehicle is
1-55 designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger;

1-56 (B) designed to propel itself with three or more
1-57 tires in contact with the ground;

1-58 (C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway
1-59 use; and

1-60 (D) not designed by the manufacturer primarily
1-61 for farming or lawn care.

1-62 (19-a) "Recreational off-highway vehicle" means a motor
1-63 vehicle that is:

2-1 (A) equipped with a non-straddle seat for the use
 2-2 of:
 2-3 (i) the rider; and
 2-4 (ii) a passenger, if the vehicle is
 2-5 designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger;
 2-6 (B) designed to propel itself with four or more
 2-7 tires in contact with the ground;
 2-8 (C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway
 2-9 use by the operator only; and
 2-10 (D) not designed by the manufacturer primarily
 2-11 for farming or lawn care.

2-12 SECTION 4. Section 502.006, Transportation Code, is amended
 2-13 to read as follows:

2-14 Sec. 502.006. CERTAIN OFF-HIGHWAY [ALL-TERRAIN] VEHICLES.

2-15 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person may not register
 2-16 an all-terrain vehicle or a recreational off-highway vehicle, with
 2-17 or without design alterations, for operation on a public highway.

2-18 (b) The state, a county, or a municipality may register an
 2-19 all-terrain vehicle or a recreational off-highway vehicle for
 2-20 operation on a public beach or highway to maintain public safety and
 2-21 welfare.

2-22 (c) [~~e~~] Section 502.172 does not apply to an all-terrain
 2-23 vehicle or a recreational off-highway vehicle.

2-24 SECTION 5. Section 547.001, Transportation Code, is amended
 2-25 by adding Subsection (2-a) to read as follows:

2-26 (2-a) "Golf cart" has the meaning assigned by Section
 2-27 502.001.

2-28 SECTION 6. Section 547.002, Transportation Code, is amended
 2-29 to read as follows:

2-30 Sec. 547.002. APPLICABILITY. Unless a provision is
 2-31 specifically made applicable, this chapter and the rules of the
 2-32 department adopted under this chapter do not apply to:

- 2-33 (1) an implement of husbandry;
- 2-34 (2) road machinery;
- 2-35 (3) a road roller;
- 2-36 (4) a farm tractor;
- 2-37 (5) a bicycle, a bicyclist, or bicycle equipment;
- 2-38 (6) an electric bicycle, an electric bicyclist, or
- 2-39 electric bicycle equipment; or

2-40 (7) a golf cart that is operated only as authorized by
 2-41 [not required to be registered under] Section 551.403 [502.284].

2-42 SECTION 7. Subsection (d), Section 547.703, Transportation
 2-43 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-44 (d) A golf cart that is operated at a speed of not more than
 2-45 25 miles per hour [as defined by Section 502.001] is required to
 2-46 display a slow-moving-vehicle emblem [only] when it is operated on
 2-47 a public highway, as defined by Section 502.001, under Section
 2-48 551.403 or 551.404 [an arterial street].

2-49 SECTION 8. Chapter 551, Transportation Code, is amended by
 2-50 adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

2-51 SUBCHAPTER F. GOLF CARTS

2-52 Sec. 551.401. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "golf cart"
 2-53 and "public highway" have the meanings assigned by Section 502.001.

2-54 Sec. 551.402. REGISTRATION NOT AUTHORIZED. (a) The Texas
 2-55 Department of Transportation may not register a golf cart for
 2-56 operation on a public highway regardless of whether any alteration
 2-57 has been made to the golf cart.

2-58 (b) The department may issue license plates for a golf cart
 2-59 only as authorized by Section 504.510.

2-60 Sec. 551.403. LIMITED OPERATION. (a) An operator may
 2-61 operate a golf cart:

- 2-62 (1) in a master planned community:
 - 2-63 (A) that has in place a uniform set of
 - 2-64 restrictive covenants; and
 - 2-65 (B) for which a county or municipality has
 - 2-66 approved a plat;

- 2-67 (2) on a public or private beach; or
- 2-68 (3) on a public highway for which the posted speed
 2-69 limit is not more than 35 miles per hour, if the golf cart is

3-1 operated:
 3-2 (A) during the daytime; and
 3-3 (B) not more than two miles from the location
 3-4 where the golf cart is usually parked and for transportation to or
 3-5 from a golf course.
 3-6 (b) The Texas Department of Transportation or a county or
 3-7 municipality may prohibit the operation of a golf cart on a public
 3-8 highway if the department or the governing body of the county or
 3-9 municipality determines that the prohibition is necessary in the
 3-10 interest of safety.
 3-11 Sec. 551.404. OPERATION IN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) In
 3-12 addition to the operation authorized by Section 551.403, the
 3-13 governing body of a municipality may allow an operator to operate a
 3-14 golf cart on all or part of a public highway that:
 3-15 (1) is in the corporate boundaries of the
 3-16 municipality; and
 3-17 (2) has a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles
 3-18 per hour.
 3-19 (b) A golf cart operated under Subsection (a) must have the
 3-20 following equipment:
 3-21 (1) headlamps;
 3-22 (2) taillamps;
 3-23 (3) reflectors;
 3-24 (4) parking brake; and
 3-25 (5) mirrors.
 3-26 Sec. 551.405. CROSSING CERTAIN ROADWAYS. A golf cart may
 3-27 cross intersections, including a road or street that has a posted
 3-28 speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.
 3-29 SECTION 9. Subsection (a), Section 601.052, Transportation
 3-30 Code, is amended to read as follows:
 3-31 (a) Section 601.051 does not apply to:
 3-32 (1) the operation of a motor vehicle that:
 3-33 (A) is a former military vehicle or is at least 25
 3-34 years old;
 3-35 (B) is used only for exhibitions, club
 3-36 activities, parades, and other functions of public interest and not
 3-37 for regular transportation; and
 3-38 (C) for which the owner files with the department
 3-39 an affidavit, signed by the owner, stating that the vehicle is a
 3-40 collector's item and used only as described by Paragraph (B);
 3-41 (2) the operation of a golf cart that is operated only
 3-42 as authorized by [not required to be registered under] Section
 3-43 551.403 [502.284]; or
 3-44 (3) a volunteer fire department for the operation of a
 3-45 motor vehicle the title of which is held in the name of a volunteer
 3-46 fire department.
 3-47 SECTION 10. The following sections of the Transportation
 3-48 Code are repealed:
 3-49 (1) Section 502.0071; and
 3-50 (2) Subsection (e), Section 547.703.
 3-51 SECTION 11. The heading to Subtitle G, Title 7,
 3-52 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
 3-53 SUBTITLE G. MOTORCYCLES AND OFF-HIGHWAY [ALL-TERRAIN] VEHICLES
 3-54 SECTION 12. The heading to Chapter 663, Transportation
 3-55 Code, is amended to read as follows:
 3-56 CHAPTER 663. CERTAIN OFF-HIGHWAY [ALL-TERRAIN] VEHICLES
 3-57 SECTION 13. Section 663.001, Transportation Code, is
 3-58 amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:
 3-59 (3) "Recreational off-highway vehicle" has the
 3-60 meaning assigned by Section 502.001.
 3-61 SECTION 14. Subchapter A, Chapter 663, Transportation Code,
 3-62 is amended by adding Section 663.003 to read as follows:
 3-63 Sec. 663.003. RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES. This
 3-64 chapter applies to the operator and operation of a recreational
 3-65 off-highway vehicle in the same manner as if the recreational
 3-66 off-highway vehicle were an all-terrain vehicle.
 3-67 SECTION 15. Section 502.160, Transportation Code, is
 3-68 amended to read as follows:
 3-69 Sec. 502.160. FEE: MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED. The fee for a

4-1 registration year for registration of a motorcycle or moped is \$30.
 4-2 SECTION 16. The heading to Section 502.161, Transportation
 4-3 Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-4 Sec. 502.161. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH 6,000 POUNDS OR LESS
 4-5 [PASSENGER CAR, MUNICIPAL BUS, PRIVATE BUS].

4-6 SECTION 17. Subsection (a), Section 502.161,
 4-7 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-8 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
 4-9 vehicle with a gross weight of [passenger car, a municipal bus, or a
 4-10 private bus that weighs] 6,000 pounds or less is \$50.75, unless
 4-11 otherwise provided in this chapter [+

4-12 ~~[(1) \$40.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is~~
 4-13 ~~more than six years before the year in which the registration year~~
 4-14 ~~begins,~~

4-15 ~~[(2) \$50.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is~~
 4-16 ~~more than three years but is six years or less before the year in~~
 4-17 ~~which the registration year begins; or~~

4-18 ~~[(3) \$58.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is~~
 4-19 ~~three years or less before the year in which the registration year~~
 4-20 ~~begins].~~

4-21 SECTION 18. The heading to Section 502.162, Transportation
 4-22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-23 Sec. 502.162. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH MORE THAN 6,000
 4-24 POUNDS [COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRUCK-TRACTOR].

4-25 SECTION 19. Subsection (a), Section 502.162,
 4-26 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-27 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
 4-28 vehicle with a gross weight of more than 6,000 pounds is [commercial
 4-29 motor vehicle or truck-tractor is \$25 plus an amount determined
 4-30 according to the vehicle's gross weight and tire equipment,] as
 4-31 follows unless otherwise provided in this chapter:

Weight Classification in pounds	Fee Schedule
6,001-10,000	\$54.00
10,001-18,000	\$110.00
18,001-25,999	\$205.00
26,000-40,000	\$340.00
40,001-54,999	\$535.00
55,000-70,000	\$740.00
70,001-80,000	\$840.00

4-42 ~~[Gross weight [Fee for each 100 pounds or~~
 4-43 ~~in pounds [fraction of 100 pounds~~

	[Equipped with [pneumatic tires	[Equipped with [solid tires
4-47 [1-6,000	[\$0.44	[\$0.55
4-48 [6,001-8,000	[-0.495	[0.66
4-49 [8,001-10,000	[-0.605	[0.77
4-50 [10,001-17,000	[-0.715	[0.88
4-51 [17,001-24,000	[-0.77	[0.99
4-52 [24,001-31,000	[-0.88	[1.10
4-53 [31,001 and over	[-0.99	[1.32]

4-54 SECTION 20. Section 502.165, Transportation Code, is
 4-55 amended to read as follows:

4-56 Sec. 502.165. FEE: ROAD TRACTOR. The fee for a
 4-57 registration year for registration of a road tractor is the fee
 4-58 prescribed by [\$25 plus an amount determined according to the
 4-59 vehicle's] weight as certified by a public weigher or a license and
 4-60 weight inspector of the Department of Public Safety under Section
 4-61 502.161 or 502.162, as applicable. [~~as follows:~~

[Gross weight in in pounds	[Fee for each 100 pounds or [fraction of 100 pounds
4-65 [1-4,000	[\$0.275
4-66 [4,001-6,000	[0.55
4-67 [6,001-8,000	[0.66
4-68 [8,001-10,000	[0.825
4-69 [10,001 and over	[1.10]

5-1 SECTION 21. The heading to Section 502.166, Transportation
5-2 Code, is amended to read as follows:

5-3 Sec. 502.166. FEE: TRAILER, TRAVEL TRAILER, OR
5-4 SEMITRAILER.

5-5 SECTION 22. Section 502.166, Transportation Code, is
5-6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
5-7 read as follows:

5-8 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
5-9 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a [~~is \$25 plus an~~
5-10 ~~amount determined according to the vehicle's~~] gross weight of 6,000
5-11 pounds or less is \$45.00.

5-12 (a-1) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
5-13 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a gross weight of more
5-14 than 6,000 pounds is calculated by gross weight according to
5-15 Section 502.162. [and tire equipment, as follows:

5-16	[Gross weight	[Fee for each 100 pounds or	
5-17	[in pounds	[fraction of 100 pounds	
5-18			
5-19		[Equipped with	[Equipped with
5-20		[pneumatic tires	[solid tires
5-21	[1-6,000	[\$0.33	[\$0.44
5-22	[6,001-8,000	[-0.44	[0.55
5-23	[8,001-10,000	[-0.55	[0.66
5-24	[10,001-17,000	[-0.66	[0.88
5-25	[17,001 and over	[-0.715	[0.99]

5-26 SECTION 23. Subsections (a), (b), and (c), Section 502.167,
5-27 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

5-28 (a) This section applies only to a truck-tractor or
5-29 commercial motor vehicle with a gross weight [~~manufacturer's rated~~
5-30 ~~carrying capacity~~] of more than 10,000 pounds [~~one ton~~] that is used
5-31 or is to be used in combination with a semitrailer that has a gross
5-32 weight of more than 6,000 pounds.

5-33 (b) The [~~Notwithstanding Section 502.162, the~~] fee for a
5-34 registration year for registration of a truck-tractor or commercial
5-35 motor vehicle is calculated by gross weight according to Section
5-36 502.162. [\$40 plus an amount determined according to the combined
5-37 gross weight of the vehicles, as follows:

5-38		[Fee for each 100 pounds
5-39	[Combined gross weight	[or
5-40	[in pounds	[fraction of 100 pounds
5-41	[18,000-36,000	[\$0.60
5-42	[36,001-42,000	[0.75
5-43	[42,001-62,000	[0.90
5-44	[62,001 and over	[1.00]

5-45 (c) The [~~Notwithstanding Section 502.166, the~~] fee for a
5-46 registration year for registration of a semitrailer used in the
5-47 manner described by Subsection (a), regardless of the date the
5-48 semitrailer is registered, is:

- 5-49 (1) \$30, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power
- 5-50 unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has been issued; or
- 5-51 (2) \$15, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power
- 5-52 unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has not been issued.

5-53 SECTION 24. Section 502.168, Transportation Code, is
5-54 amended to read as follows:

5-55 Sec. 502.168. FEE: MOTOR BUS. The fee for a registration
5-56 year for registration of a motor bus is the fee prescribed by
5-57 Section 502.161 or 502.162, as applicable. [\$25 plus an amount
5-58 determined according to the vehicle's gross weight, as follows:

5-59		[Fee for each 100 pounds
5-60	[Gross weight	[or
5-61	[in pounds	[fraction of 100 pounds
5-62	[1-6,000	[\$0.44
5-63	[6,001-8,000	[0.495
5-64	[8,001-10,000	[0.605
5-65	[10,001-17,000	[0.715
5-66	[17,001-24,000	[0.77
5-67	[24,001-31,000	[0.88
5-68	[31,001 and over	[0.99]

5-69 SECTION 25. Subsection (b), Section 502.1705,

6-1 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
6-2 (b) The department may use money collected under this
6-3 section to provide for or enhance ~~[perform one or more of the~~
6-4 ~~following]~~:

- 6-5 (1) ~~[enhancing the department's automated~~
6-6 ~~registration and title system;~~
6-7 ~~[(2) providing for the automated on-site production of~~
6-8 ~~registration insignia; or~~
6-9 ~~[(3) providing for] automated on-premises and~~
6-10 ~~off-premises [self-service] registration; and~~
6-11 (2) services related to the titling of vehicles.

6-12 SECTION 26. The heading to Section 502.184, Transportation
6-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

6-14 Sec. 502.184. REPLACEMENT OF ~~[LOST, STOLEN, OR MUTILATED~~
6-15 ~~LICENSE PLATE OR] REGISTRATION INSIGNIA.~~

6-16 SECTION 27. Subsections (a), (b), (e), and (f), Section
6-17 502.184, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

6-18 (a) The owner of a registered motor vehicle may obtain ~~[from~~
6-19 ~~the department through the county assessor-collector replacement~~
6-20 ~~license plates or] a replacement registration insignia by:~~

6-21 (1) certifying ~~[filing with the assessor-collector a~~
6-22 ~~statement:~~

6-23 ~~[(A) showing that one or both of the license~~
6-24 ~~plates or the registration insignia to be replaced has been lost,~~
6-25 ~~stolen, or mutilated; and~~

6-26 ~~[(B) stating] that the replacement [no license~~
6-27 ~~plate or] registration insignia [to be replaced] will not be used on~~
6-28 ~~any other vehicle owned or operated by the person making the~~
6-29 ~~statement;~~

6-30 (2) paying a fee of \$6 ~~[\$5] plus the fees required by~~
6-31 Section ~~[Sections 502.170(a) and] 502.1705(a) for [each set of~~
6-32 ~~replacement license plates or] each replacement registration~~
6-33 ~~insignia, except as provided by other law [Subsection (b), (c), or~~
6-34 ~~(i)]; and~~

6-35 (3) returning ~~[to the assessor-collector] each~~
6-36 ~~replaced [plate or] registration insignia in the owner's~~
6-37 ~~possession.~~

6-38 (b) No fee is required under this section if the replacement
6-39 fee for a license plate has been paid under Section 502.1841 ~~[for~~
6-40 ~~the replacement of lost, stolen, or mutilated specialized license~~
6-41 ~~plates issued under Sections 504.308 and 504.315(e) and (f)]. [The~~
6-42 ~~fee for replacement of certain specialized license plates is:~~

6-43 [License plates issued under:	<u>[Fee:</u>
6-44 [Section 504.411	<u>[\$2</u>
6-45 [Section 504.409	<u>[\$9]</u>

6-46 (e) A county assessor-collector may not issue ~~[replacement~~
6-47 ~~license plates or] a replacement registration insignia without~~
6-48 ~~complying with this section.~~

6-49 (f) A county assessor-collector shall retain \$2.50 of each
6-50 fee collected under this section and shall report and send the
6-51 remainder to the department ~~[as provided by Sections 502.102 and~~
6-52 ~~502.105].~~

6-53 SECTION 28. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
6-54 is amended by adding Section 502.1841 to read as follows:

6-55 Sec. 502.1841. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The owner
6-56 of a registered motor vehicle may obtain replacement license plates
6-57 for the vehicle by:

6-58 (1) certifying that the replacement plates will not be
6-59 used on any other vehicle owned or operated by the person making the
6-60 statement;

6-61 (2) paying a fee of \$6 plus the fee required by Section
6-62 502.1705(a) for each set of replacement license plates, unless
6-63 otherwise specified by law; and

6-64 (3) returning to the department each license plate in
6-65 the owner's possession for which a replacement license plate is
6-66 obtained.

6-67 (b) Replacement license plates may not be issued except as
6-68 provided by this section.

6-69 (c) A county assessor-collector shall retain \$2.50 of each

7-1 fee collected under this section and forward the remainder of the
 7-2 fee to the department.

7-3 (d) The fee required by this section applies to the issuance
 7-4 of license plates for a transferred used vehicle for which the
 7-5 registration and license plates were not transferred under
 7-6 Subchapter I.

7-7 SECTION 29. Subsection (d), Section 504.101,
 7-8 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7-9 (d) The department may not issue a replacement set of
 7-10 personalized license plates to the same person before the sixth
 7-11 anniversary of the date of issuance unless the applicant for
 7-12 issuance of replacement plates pays the ~~[an additional]~~ fee
 7-13 required by Section 502.1841 ~~[of \$30]~~.

7-14 SECTION 30. Section 504.501, Transportation Code, is
 7-15 amended to read as follows:

7-16 Sec. 504.501. CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS.

7-17 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for a
 7-18 motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old. The license plates
 7-19 must include the word "Classic" ~~[words "Classic Auto," "Classic~~
 7-20 ~~Motorcycle," or "Classic Truck"]~~ or a similar designation, as
 7-21 appropriate.

7-22 (b) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use
 7-23 license plates that were issued by this state in the same year as
 7-24 the model year of the vehicle and are approved by the department if
 7-25 the plates are approved for the vehicle before January 1, 2011. The
 7-26 department may require the attachment of a registration insignia to
 7-27 the license plate in a manner that does not affect the display of
 7-28 information originally on the license plate.

7-29 (c) There is no ~~[The]~~ fee for issuance or approval of
 7-30 license plates under this section ~~[is \$15]~~.

7-31 SECTION 31. Subsection (c), Section 504.505,
 7-32 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7-33 (c) There is no ~~[The initial]~~ fee for issuance of the
 7-34 license plates ~~[is \$8]~~. The license plates may be renewed without
 7-35 payment of a fee.

7-36 SECTION 32. Subsection (b), Section 504.507,
 7-37 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7-38 (b) There is no ~~[The]~~ fee for issuance of the license plates
 7-39 ~~[is \$8]~~. The department shall:

7-40 (1) ~~[also]~~ collect any ~~[additional]~~ fee that a county
 7-41 imposes under this chapter for registration of a forestry vehicle;
 7-42 and

7-43 (2) send the fee to the appropriate county for
 7-44 disposition.

7-45 SECTION 33. Subsection (b), Section 504.508,
 7-46 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7-47 (b) There is no ~~[The]~~ fee for issuance of the license plates
 7-48 ~~[is \$15]~~.

7-49 SECTION 34. Section 504.509, Transportation Code, is
 7-50 amended to read as follows:

7-51 Sec. 504.509. VEHICLES CARRYING MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO
 7-52 EQUIPMENT. ~~[(a)]~~ The department shall issue specialty license
 7-53 plates for a person who holds an amateur radio station license
 7-54 issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who operates
 7-55 receiving and transmitting mobile amateur radio equipment. The
 7-56 license plates shall include the person's amateur call letters as
 7-57 assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. A person may
 7-58 register more than one vehicle equipped with mobile amateur radio
 7-59 equipment under this section, and the department shall issue
 7-60 license plates that include the same amateur call letters for each
 7-61 vehicle.

7-62 ~~[(b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$2 for the~~
 7-63 ~~first year and \$1 for each subsequent year.]~~

7-64 SECTION 35. Subsection (b), Section 504.510,
 7-65 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7-66 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$6 ~~[\$10]~~.

7-67 SECTION 36. Subsection (a), Section 504.801,
 7-68 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7-69 (a) The department may create new specialty license plates

8-1 on its own initiative or on receipt of an application from a
8-2 potential sponsor. A new specialty license plate created under
8-3 this section must comply with each requirement of Section 504.702
8-4 unless the license is created by the department on its own
8-5 initiative. The department may permit a specialty license plate
8-6 created under this section to be personalized. The redesign of an
8-7 existing specialty license plate at the request of a sponsor shall
8-8 be treated like the issuance of a new specialty license plate,
8-9 except that the department may require a nonrefundable design fee
8-10 [~~lower deposit amount to reflect the actual costs of redesigning~~
8-11 ~~the license plate~~].

8-12 SECTION 37. The following provisions of the Transportation
8-13 Code are repealed:

- 8-14 (1) Section 502.007;
- 8-15 (2) Subsection (b), Section 502.161;
- 8-16 (3) Section 502.170;
- 8-17 (4) Subsection (c), Section 502.1705;
- 8-18 (5) Section 502.187;
- 8-19 (6) Subsection (c), Section 502.201;
- 8-20 (7) Section 502.453;
- 8-21 (8) Subsection (b), Section 504.409; and
- 8-22 (9) Section 504.5011.

8-23 SECTION 38. Sections 1 through 14 of this Act take effect
8-24 September 1, 2009. Sections 15 through 37 of this Act take effect
8-25 September 1, 2011.

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