

1-1 By: Phillips, Murphy (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 1523  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;  
1-3 May 2, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 17, 2011, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 17, 2011, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the offense of transporting household goods without  
1-10 registration; providing a penalty.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Sections 643.253(b) and (e), Transportation  
1-13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-14 (b) A person commits an offense if the person engages in or  
1-15 solicits the transportation of household goods for compensation and  
1-16 is not registered as required by Subchapter B.

1-17 (e) An offense under Subsection (b) is a Class C  
1-18 misdemeanor, except that the offense is:

1-19 (1) a Class B misdemeanor if the person has previously  
1-20 been convicted one time of an offense under Subsection (b); and

1-21 (2) a Class A misdemeanor if the person has previously  
1-22 been convicted two or more times of an offense under Subsection (b)  
1-23 [punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 per  
1-24 violation].

1-25 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-26 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
1-27 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
1-28 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
1-29 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
1-30 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
1-31 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

1-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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