

1-1 By: González (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez) H.B. No. 75  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2015;  
 1-3 April 21, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Transportation; May 12, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; May 12, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the exemption from vehicle registration for certain  
 1-20 farm vehicles owned by a farmers' cooperative society or marketing  
 1-21 association.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 502.146, Transportation Code, is amended  
 1-24 by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsections (e) and (h) to  
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (c-1) An exemption provided by this section applies to a  
 1-27 vehicle owned by a farmers' cooperative society incorporated under  
 1-28 Chapter 51, Agriculture Code, or a marketing association organized  
 1-29 under Chapter 52, Agriculture Code, and used by members of the  
 1-30 society or association for a fee if the vehicle otherwise meets the  
 1-31 requirements for the exemption.

1-32 (e) Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), this [This]  
 1-33 section does not apply to a farm trailer or farm semitrailer that:

1-34 (1) is used for hire;

1-35 (2) has metal tires operating in contact with the  
 1-36 highway;

1-37 (3) is not equipped with an adequate hitch pinned or  
 1-38 locked so that it will remain securely engaged to the towing vehicle  
 1-39 while in motion; or

1-40 (4) is not operated and equipped in compliance with  
 1-41 all other law.

1-42 (h) A specialty license plate may not be issued under  
 1-43 Subsection (a) to an owner of a vehicle described by Subsection  
 1-44 (b)(1) unless the vehicle's owner provides a registration number  
 1-45 issued by the comptroller under Section 151.1551, Tax Code, or the  
 1-46 vehicle is owned by a farmers' cooperative society incorporated  
 1-47 under Chapter 51, Agriculture Code, or a marketing association  
 1-48 organized under Chapter 52, Agriculture Code. The comptroller  
 1-49 shall allow access to the online system established under Section  
 1-50 151.1551(l), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided  
 1-51 under this subsection.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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