

1-1 By: Isaac (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1360
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;
 1-3 May 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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

1-19 relating to the exemption of certain vehicles from registration
 1-20 fees.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 502.453, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 502.453. GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLES; PUBLIC SCHOOL
 1-25 BUSES; FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLES; COUNTY MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT
 1-26 VEHICLES; U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY VEHICLES. (a) The owner of a
 1-27 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer may annually apply for
 1-28 registration under Section 502.451 and is exempt from the payment
 1-29 of a registration fee under this chapter if the vehicle is:

- 1-30 (1) owned by and used exclusively in the service of:
 - 1-31 (A) the United States;
 - 1-32 (B) this state; or
 - 1-33 (C) a county, municipality, or school district in
 1-34 this state;

- 1-35 (2) owned by a commercial transportation company and
 1-36 used exclusively to provide public school transportation services
 1-37 to a school district under Section 34.008, Education Code;

- 1-38 (3) designed and used exclusively for fire fighting;

- 1-39 (4) owned by a volunteer fire department and used
 1-40 exclusively in the conduct of department business;

- 1-41 (5) privately owned and used by a volunteer
 1-42 exclusively in county marine law enforcement activities, including
 1-43 rescue operations, under the direction of the sheriff's department;
 1-44 [~~or~~]

- 1-45 (6) used by law enforcement under an alias for covert
 1-46 criminal investigations; or

- 1-47 (7) owned by units of the United States Coast Guard
 1-48 Auxiliary headquartered in Texas and used exclusively for conduct
 1-49 of United States Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary business and
 1-50 operations, including search and rescue, emergency communications,
 1-51 and disaster operations.

1-52 (b) An application for registration under this section must
 1-53 be made by a person having the authority to certify that the vehicle
 1-54 meets the exemption requirements prescribed by Subsection (a). An
 1-55 application for registration under this section of a fire-fighting
 1-56 vehicle described by Subsection (a)(3) must include a reasonable
 1-57 description of the vehicle and of any fire-fighting equipment
 1-58 mounted on the vehicle. An application for registration under this
 1-59 section of a vehicle described by Subsection (a)(5) must include a
 1-60 statement signed by a person having the authority to act for a
 1-61 sheriff's department that the vehicle is used exclusively in marine

2-1 law enforcement activities under the direction of the sheriff's
2-2 department. An application for registration under this section of
2-3 a vehicle described by Subsection (a)(7) must include a statement
2-4 signed by a person having authority to act for the United States
2-5 Coast Guard Auxiliary that the vehicle or trailer is used
2-6 exclusively in fulfillment of an authorized mission of the United
2-7 States Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary, including search and
2-8 rescue, patrol, emergency communications, or disaster operations.

2-9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-13 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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