

1-1 By: Taylor of Collin S.B. No. 1820  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
 1-4 April 22, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 22, 2015,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14			X	
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17			X	

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1820 By: Watson

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the exemption of certain vehicles from towing  
 1-22 regulations.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 2308.002(11), Occupations Code, is  
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (11) "Tow truck" means a motor vehicle, including a  
 1-27 wrecker, equipped with a mechanical device used to tow, winch, or  
 1-28 otherwise move another motor vehicle. The term does not include:

1-29 (A) a motor vehicle owned and operated by a  
 1-30 governmental entity, including a public school district;

1-31 (B) a motor vehicle towing:

1-32 (i) a race car;

1-33 (ii) a motor vehicle for exhibition; or

1-34 (iii) an antique motor vehicle;

1-35 (C) a recreational vehicle towing another  
 1-36 vehicle;

1-37 (D) a motor vehicle used in combination with a  
 1-38 tow bar, tow dolly, or other mechanical device if the vehicle is not  
 1-39 operated in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise;

1-40 (E) a motor vehicle that is controlled or  
 1-41 operated by a farmer or rancher and used for towing a farm vehicle;  
 1-42 [~~or~~]

1-43 (F) a motor vehicle that:

1-44 (i) is owned or operated by an entity the  
 1-45 primary business of which is the rental of motor vehicles; and

1-46 (ii) only tows vehicles rented by the  
 1-47 entity;

1-48 (G) a truck-trailer combination that is owned or  
 1-49 operated by a dealer licensed under Chapter 2301 and used to  
 1-50 transport new vehicles during the normal course of a documented  
 1-51 transaction in which the dealer is a party and ownership or the  
 1-52 right of possession of the transported vehicle is conveyed or  
 1-53 transferred; or

1-54 (H) a car hauler that is used solely to  
 1-55 transport, other than in a consent or nonconsent tow, motor  
 1-56 vehicles as cargo in the course of a prearranged shipping  
 1-57 transaction or for use in mining, drilling, or construction  
 1-58 operations.

1-59 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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