

1-1 By: Alvarado S.B. No. 1064
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2021; March 18, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 12, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 12, 2021,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1064 By: Alvarado

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

1-21 relating to the extended registration of certain county fleet
 1-22 vehicles.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
 1-25 is amended by adding Section 502.0025 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 502.0025. EXTENDED REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN COUNTY
 1-27 FLEET VEHICLES. (a) In this section, "exempt county fleet" means a
 1-28 group of two or more nonapportioned motor vehicles, semitrailers,
 1-29 or trailers described by Section 502.453(a) that is owned by and
 1-30 used exclusively in the service of a county with a population of 3.3
 1-31 million or more.

1-32 (b) Notwithstanding the annual registration requirements of
 1-33 Sections 502.044(c) and 502.453(a), the department shall develop
 1-34 and implement a system of registration to allow an owner of an
 1-35 exempt county fleet to register vehicles in the fleet for an
 1-36 extended registration period of not less than one year or more than
 1-37 eight years.

1-38 (c) A system of extended registration under this section
 1-39 must allow the owner of an exempt county fleet to:

1-40 (1) select the number of years for registration under
 1-41 this section;

1-42 (2) register the entire fleet in the county of the
 1-43 owner's principal place of business;

1-44 (3) register the motor vehicles in the fleet that are
 1-45 operated most regularly in the same county; or

1-46 (4) register the entire fleet directly with the
 1-47 department.

1-48 (d) A motor vehicle, semitrailer, or trailer registered
 1-49 under this section is subject to the inspection requirements of
 1-50 Chapter 548 as if the vehicle, semitrailer, or trailer were
 1-51 registered without an extended registration period.

1-52 (e) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
 1-53 section, including rules:

1-54 (1) regarding the suspension of an exempt county
 1-55 fleet's registration under this section if the owner of the exempt
 1-56 county fleet fails to comply with this section or rules adopted
 1-57 under this section; and

1-58 (2) establishing a method to enforce the inspection
 1-59 requirements of Chapter 548 for motor vehicles, semitrailers, and
 1-60 trailers registered under this section.

2-1 SECTION 2. Section 502.453, Transportation Code, is amended
2-2 to read as follows:

2-3 Sec. 502.453. GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLES; PUBLIC SCHOOL
2-4 BUSES; FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLES; COUNTY MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT
2-5 VEHICLES; U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY VEHICLES. (a) The owner of a
2-6 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer may [~~annually~~] apply for
2-7 registration under Section 502.0025 or 502.451 and is exempt from
2-8 the payment of a registration fee under this chapter if the vehicle
2-9 is:

- 2-10 (1) owned by and used exclusively in the service of:
 - 2-11 (A) the United States;
 - 2-12 (B) this state;
 - 2-13 (C) a county, municipality, or school district in
2-14 this state; or
 - 2-15 (D) an open-enrollment charter school;

2-16 (2) owned by a commercial transportation company and
2-17 used exclusively to provide public school transportation services
2-18 to a school district under Section 34.008, Education Code;

2-19 (3) designed and used exclusively for fire fighting;

2-20 (4) owned by a volunteer fire department and used
2-21 exclusively in the conduct of department business;

2-22 (5) privately owned and used by a volunteer
2-23 exclusively in county marine law enforcement activities, including
2-24 rescue operations, under the direction of the sheriff's department;

2-25 (6) used by law enforcement under an alias for covert
2-26 criminal investigations; or

2-27 (7) owned by units of the United States Coast Guard
2-28 Auxiliary headquartered in Texas and used exclusively for conduct
2-29 of United States Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary business and
2-30 operations, including search and rescue, emergency communications,
2-31 and disaster operations.

2-32 (b) An application for registration under this section or
2-33 Section 502.0025 must be made by a person having the authority to
2-34 certify that the vehicle meets the exemption requirements
2-35 prescribed by Subsection (a). An application for registration
2-36 under this section of a fire-fighting vehicle described by
2-37 Subsection (a)(3) must include a reasonable description of the
2-38 vehicle and of any fire-fighting equipment mounted on the vehicle.
2-39 An application for registration under this section of a vehicle
2-40 described by Subsection (a)(5) must include a statement signed by a
2-41 person having the authority to act for a sheriff's department that
2-42 the vehicle is used exclusively in marine law enforcement
2-43 activities under the direction of the sheriff's department. An
2-44 application for registration under this section of a vehicle
2-45 described by Subsection (a)(7) must include a statement signed by a
2-46 person having authority to act for the United States Coast Guard
2-47 Auxiliary that the vehicle or trailer is used exclusively in
2-48 fulfillment of an authorized mission of the United States Coast
2-49 Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary, including search and rescue,
2-50 patrol, emergency communications, or disaster operations.

2-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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