

1-1 By: Nichols S.B. No. 1902  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2025; March 6, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
1-4 March 13, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 13, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Nichols</u>	X		
1-9	<u>West</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Bettencourt</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Hagenbuch</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Hinojosa of Hidalgo</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Johnson</u>	X		
1-14	<u>King</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Miles</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Perry</u>	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the administration of the dealer-issued license plates  
1-20 database and to the removal and transfer of license plates.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 503.0633(f), Transportation Code, as  
1-23 effective July 1, 2025, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 (f) If the department determines that a dealer is  
1-25 fraudulently obtaining license plates or sets of license plates or  
1-26 fraudulently using the database of dealer-issued license plates, or  
1-27 has been denied access to the temporary tag database under former  
1-28 Section 503.0632(f), the department may, after giving notice  
1-29 electronically and by certified mail to the dealer, deny access to  
1-30 the database of dealer-issued license plates to the dealer. A  
1-31 dealer denied access to the database of dealer-issued license  
1-32 plates under this subsection may request a hearing on the denial as  
1-33 provided by Subchapter 0, Chapter 2301, Occupations Code.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 504.901, Transportation Code, as  
1-35 effective July 1, 2025, is amended to read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 504.901. REMOVAL AND TRANSFER OF LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
1-37 On the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle to a dealer who holds a  
1-38 general distinguishing number issued under Chapter 503, the dealer  
1-39 shall remove each license plate issued for the motor vehicle. The  
1-40 dealer shall transfer each removed license plate to a motor vehicle  
1-41 if that motor vehicle is purchased from the dealer and the license  
1-42 plates are appropriate for the class of vehicle to which the plates  
1-43 are being transferred [Each license plate issued for the motor  
1-44 vehicle shall be assigned to a subsequent purchaser of the motor  
1-45 vehicle at retail sale as required by Section 503.063].

1-46 (b) On the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle to a person  
1-47 who does not hold a general distinguishing number issued under  
1-48 Chapter 503, the seller shall remove each license plate issued for  
1-49 the motor vehicle. The removed license plates may be transferred to  
1-50 another vehicle titled in the seller's name if the license plates  
1-51 are appropriate for the class of vehicle to which the plates are  
1-52 being transferred and the seller obtains:

1-53 (1) the department's approval of an application to  
1-54 transfer the license plates; and

1-55 (2) a new registration insignia for [shall remain  
1-56 with] the motor vehicle.

1-57 (c) A license plate removed from [(b-1) The purchaser of] a  
1-58 motor vehicle that is not transferred to another motor vehicle must  
1-59 be disposed of in a manner prescribed by the department not later  
1-60 than the 10th day after the date the license plate is removed from  
1-61 the motor vehicle [may request replacement license plates under

2-1 ~~Section 504.007~~].

2-2 SECTION 3. Not later than October 1, 2025, the Texas  
2-3 Department of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules as necessary to  
2-4 implement or administer the changes in law made by this Act.

2-5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 2025, if this Act  
2-6 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
2-7 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
2-8 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary to take effect on  
2-9 that date, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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