

1-1 By: Hagenbuch S.B. No. 2705
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
1-4 April 16, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	West	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Hagenbuch	X		
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	King	X		
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Perry		X	

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

1-19 relating to fees for the issuance of certain specialty license
1-20 plates and an exemption from vehicle registration for certain
1-21 trailers, semitrailers, tractors, and implements of husbandry.

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

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
1-24 is amended by adding Section 502.147 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 502.147. CERTAIN FARM TRAILERS, FARM SEMITRAILERS,
1-26 FARM TRACTORS, AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY. An owner is not
1-27 required to register a farm trailer or farm semitrailer with a gross
1-28 weight of 4,000 pounds or less or a farm tractor or an implement of
1-29 husbandry if the trailer, semitrailer, tractor, or implement is
1-30 operated only temporarily on the highways.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 504.3015(a), Transportation Code, is
1-32 amended to read as follows:

1-33 (a) A person applying for a set of license plates under this
1-34 subchapter shall pay the registration fee required under Chapter
1-35 502 and the applicable special plate fee required under this
1-36 section, except that one set of license plates shall be issued
1-37 without the payment of the registration fee under:

- 1-38 (1) Section 504.308;
1-39 (2) Section 504.310(b);
1-40 (3) Section 504.315, other than Subsections (c) and
1-41 (q) of that section; ~~and~~
1-42 (4) Section 504.316; and
1-43 (5) Section 504.319.

1-44 SECTION 3. Section 504.512, Transportation Code, is amended
1-45 by adding Subsection (b) to read as follows:

1-46 (b) There is no fee for issuance of the license plates.

1-47 SECTION 4. Section 504.513, Transportation Code, is amended
1-48 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-49 follows:

1-50 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates
1-51 for:

- 1-52 (1) volunteer firefighters certified by:
1-53 (A) the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; or
1-54 (B) the State Firefighters' ~~Firemen's~~ and Fire
1-55 Marshals' Association of Texas; and

1-56 (2) fire protection personnel as that term is defined
1-57 by Section 419.021, Government Code.

1-58 (c) There is no fee for issuance of the license plates.

1-59 SECTION 5. Section 504.516, Transportation Code, is amended
1-60 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-61 (c) There is no fee for issuance of the license plates.

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SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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