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S.B. No. 1560

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 504.943, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) A person commits an offense if the person operates on a public highway during a registration period a road tractor, a motorcycle, a trailer, a [ex] semitrailer, or a motor vehicle equipped by the manufacturer with not more than one area to display a license plate that does not display a license plate that:

(1) has been assigned by the department for the period; and

(2) complies with department rules regarding the placement of license plates.

(b-1) In this section, "area to display a license plate" means a feature of the exterior front or rear of a motor vehicle to which a person can fasten a license plate as required by rules regarding the placement of license plates adopted by the board under Section 504.010(c). The term does not include a feature if a person can only fasten a license plate to the feature after drilling through the exterior of the vehicle.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
2 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
3 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
4 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
5 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
6 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
7 before that date.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.