



# **Texas Department of Transportation**

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## **Registration and Title Bulletin # 058-01**

**To:** All County Tax Assessor-Collectors  
**Subject:** Legislation passed by 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature

### **PURPOSE**

To provide a list of legislation of interest to the Texas Department of Transportation that has been enrolled by the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

### **DETAILS**

The attached list contains bills enrolled by the legislature that impact vehicle title and registration operations. Of the bills on the enrolled list, the following bills have been signed into law by Governor Perry as of this date: HB0630, HB0642, HB1664, HB1665, HB2217, HB2220, SB0187, SB0201, SB0276, SB0481, SB0571, SB0645, SB0648, SB0693, SB0694, SB0777, SB0817, SB0968, SB1089.

### **VTR CONTACT PERSON(S)**

If you have any questions, please contact your local regional office manager; or call Mr. Duane Pufpaff at (512) 302-2039. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Vehicle Titles and  
Registration Division

Attachment

cc: Mr. Randall Dillard, PIO  
District Engineers, Attn: PIOs  
VTR Administration

## Enrolled List

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>Priority:</b>	<b>Author:</b>	<b>Subject:</b>
HB0005	Agenda	Dunnam	<i>Sec. 521.251, Trans. Code</i> An offense is committed if there is an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.
HB0015	3	Corte	<i>Sec. 502.253, Trans. Code.</i> Disabled plates may be issued to all motor vehicles, rather than just passenger cars, light trucks, and motorcycles.
HB0031	4	McClendon	<i>Sec. 16, Code of Criminal Procedure</i> Penalties for burglary of a motor vehicle are amended.
HB0035	3	McClendon	<i>Sec. 551.127, Government Code</i> At least one attendee must be physically present at a specified location for the video-conferencing of governmental bodies.
HB0045	4	McClendon	<i>Ch. 5, Article 5.01-04, Insurance Code</i> The insured driver is offered a choice of a mile-based or time-based rating plan for their vehicles.
HB0149	3	Wohlgemuth	<i>Sec. 502.289(a), Trans. Code</i> Eligibility for Peace Officer Special plate is expanded to include the brother, sister, adopted child or stepchild of a peace officer killed in the line of duty.
HB0396	3	Wise	<i>Sec. 521.124, Trans. Code</i> Acceptable proof of identity requirement for the application for a driver's license is defined.
HB0489	3	Pickett	<i>Sec 683.071, Trans. Code</i> A junked vehicle is defined under the public nuisance law.
HB0495	4	Smith, Todd	<i>Sec. 683.077(b)(1), Trans. Code</i> An antique vehicle is defined as a car or truck at least 25 years old.
HB0630	4	Turner, Sylvester	<i>Sec. 721.005(a), Trans. Code</i> Municipal employees may use an unmarked vehicle to enforce environmental laws.
HB0642	2	Flores	<i>Sec. 501.024(d), Trans. Code</i> The Duplicate Original Title is eliminated in title transactions.
HB0651	4	King, Phil	<i>Sec. 663.037, Trans. Code</i> ATV may be operated on public roadways if associated with agricultural products.
HB0811	3	McReynolds	<i>Sec. 502.2922, Trans. Code</i> Special Olympics special plate is created.
HB1128	3	Rangel	<i>Sec. 502.1585, Trans. Code</i> Fee structure for seasonal agricultural plates is extended to farm vehicles.
HB1365	3	Goodman	<i>Sec. 730.005, Trans. Code</i> The Family Code is amended concerning the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support.
HB1368	1	Callegari	<i>Sec. 502.203(b), Trans. Code</i> Registration for non-profit disaster relief organizations is simplified. Amended to include fleet and multi-year registration.
HB1378	3	McReynolds	<i>Sec. 502.2861, Trans. Code</i> Operators of motorized mobility devices are considered pedestrians.
HB1535	Agenda	Davis, Yvonne	<i>Sec. 507.117, Trans. Code</i> An electronic motor vehicle lien system is established.
HB1544	1	Uher	<i>Sec. 521.050, Trans. Code</i> The State Driver Privacy Protection Act is amended.
HB1664	3	Alexander	<i>Sec. 501.0234(b), Trans. Code</i> Definition of converter is added to Trans Code and non-motorized vehicles and trailers can be sold at boat shows.

HB1665	2	Alexander	<i>Sec. 1.03, Texas Motor Vehicle Commission Code</i> The duties and authority of the Texas Motor Vehicle Board are amended.
HB1678	2	Bosse	<i>Sec. 501.0911(a), Trans. Code</i> Salvage and non-repairable definitions and procedures are amended; out-of-state salvage dealer license is created.
HB1762	4	Green	<i>Sec. 521.0485, Trans. Code</i> Certain driver's licenses may be applied and paid for by mail, telephone and electronic methods.
HB1831	Agenda	Pickett	<i>Sec. 502.299 and 502.2735, Trans. Code</i> TxDOT may enter into certain interlocal contracts, and may issue YMCA and Conquer Cancer special license plates.
HB1922	2	McCall	<i>Sec. 559.004, Government Code</i> Individuals have a right to know, and correct as needed, any information collected by a state governmental body.
HB1994	4	Marchant	<i>Sec. 345.251, Finance Code</i> VETOED ON 5/28/01. The documentary fee for a title transaction is increased from \$50 to \$75.
HB2076	4	Flores	<i>Sec. 11.432, Tax Code</i> Travel trailers are exempt from ad valorem taxes.
HB2124	3	Noriega	<i>Sec. 502.0022, Trans. Code</i> TxDOT shall allow fleet registration as part of RTS; fleet is defined by rule.
HB2134	1	Chisum	<i>Sec. 548.301, Trans. Code</i> Programs to regulate motor vehicle emissions are created.
HB2139	4	Marchant	<i>Sec. 348.208, Finance Code</i> Retail installment contracts for motor vehicles may include a debt cancellation waiver.
HB2154	4	Averitt	<i>Sec. 348.107, Finance Code</i> Interest charges continue to accrue on a defaulted motor vehicle installment contract until paid in full.
HB2185	4	Goolsby	<i>Sec. 1430.0045, Local Government Code</i> County tax assessor-collectors may collect a credit card processing fee.
HB2204	1	Gutierrez	<i>Sec. 201.615, Trans. Code</i> The term "electric bicycle" is defined and a funding source is identified for construction of multi-use trails and bicycle facilities, and accident reporting
HB2217	3	Hawley	<i>Sec. 501.036, Trans. Code</i> A title may be issued for a farm semi-trailer.
HB2220	4	Martinez, Fischer	<i>Sec. 721.005(a), Trans. Code</i> Use of an unmarked vehicle is authorized for a municipal employee conducting a fraud investigation.
HB2243	2	Bosse	<i>Art. 6687-9a, Vernon's Revised Statutes</i> Vehicle Storage Facilities (VSF) procedures are amended and rates for storage increased.
HB2262	3	Danburg	<i>Sec. 57.001, Occupations Code</i> Membership in a trade association is not a precondition for serving on a state agency governing board.
HB2313	3	Bosse	<i>Sec. 683.001, Trans. Code</i> Procedures for abandoned motor vehicles are streamlined.
HB2495	4	Haggerty	<i>Sec. 686.001, Trans. Code</i> Valet parking services must comply with motor vehicle financial responsibility laws.
HB2663	4	Grusendorf	<i>Sec. 521.272, Trans. Code</i> Procedures for issuing or renewing drivers licenses, driving permits and commercial drivers licenses are amended for sex offenders.
HB2787	4	Carona	<i>Sec. 502.001, Trans. Code</i> Students attending Texas institutions of higher education must obtain a state vehicle safety inspection before the institution may issue a parking or other
HB2810	3	Wolens	<i>Various</i> Statutes enacted based on population remain in effect even though the population may changed during the latest census.

HB2914	1	Bonnen	<i>Sec. 43.020, Business and Commerce Code</i> State fiscal matters are amended in many areas.
HB3071	4	Chisum	<i>Sec. 548.405, Trans. Code</i> Immediate family members may not be certified as motor vehicle safety inspection station owners or inspectors if the owner/inspector has his/her
HB3393	4	Oliveira	<i>Art. 1.35E, Insurance Code</i> Insurance information sheets concerning motor vehicle coverage shall be developed in Spanish.
HB3441	3	Gallego	<i>Sec. 502.295, Trans. Code</i> Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals justices will be eligible for State Judge plates rather than State Official plates; the expiration date for the
SB0005	1	Brown, Buster	<i>Sec. 502.1675, Trans. Code</i> The Texas emissions reduction plan is created.
SB0113	3	Moncrief	<i>Sec. 545.412(a) &amp; (f), Trans. Code</i> Statute is amended to include definition for "passenger vehicle," "safety belt," and "secured."
SB0148	4	Shapiro	<i>Sec. 543.011, Trans. Code.</i> Law enforcement agencies must contact Dept. of State to verify diplomatic status of persons stopped or arrested within five working days.
SB0170	2	Wentworth	<i>Sec. 551.0035, Government Code.</i> The Open Meetings Law does not apply to meetings where a quorum of members of another governmental body are testifying, commenting or
SB0187	2	Shapleigh	<i>Chapter 2054, Government Code</i> The Texas On-Line Commission is created to provide government services through a secure and uniform system.
SB0201	4	Carona	<i>Sec 130.010, Local Government Code</i> Counties may collect traffic fines through Internet transactions.
SB0248	4	Carona	<i>Sec. 11.252, Tax Code</i> Motor vehicles for personal use are exempt from ad valorem taxation.
SB0276	3	Shapleigh	<i>Sec. 121.004, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.</i> Required elements of the state seal must appear on an electronically transmitted document.
SB0317	3	Sibley	<i>Sec. 14.056, Finance Code</i> The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner is continued and procedures outlined.
SB0393	2	Carona	<i>Sec. 43.001, Business and Commerce Code</i> The rules for uniform electronic transmitted records and signature are defined.
SB0433	4	Carona	<i>Sec 9.102(a), Business and Commerce Code</i> The Uniform Law on secured transactions is amended.
SB0454	Agenda	Armbrister	<i>Sec. 224.155, Trans. Code</i> Civil and criminal penalties are established for non-pay of tolls.
SB0465	2	Shapleigh	<i>Sec. 386.001, Local Government Code</i> A Border Port Authority is created that will have the power of eminent domain and the authority to issue bonds.
SB0481	3	Duncan	<i>Sec. 2054.063, Government Code</i> The Department of Information Resources shall assess the ability of state agencies to accept electronically filed reports and report to the Legislature.
SB0571	3	Lucio	<i>Sec. 502.2761(a), Trans. Code</i> "Go Texan" special plate categories are expanded to include certain farm vehicles and commercial trucks.
SB0645	3	Shapiro	<i>Sec 2054.251, Government Code</i> Occupational licensing will be available through an electronic system.
SB0648	Agenda	Lucio	<i>Sec. 2110.008, Government Code</i> Advisory committees are established for ATPA.
SB0654	3	Staples	<i>Art. 62.02(b), Code of Criminal Procedure</i> The registration form for sex offenders must list all licenses held.

SB0671	4	Jackson	<i>Sec. 521.315, Trans. Code</i> Presenting or displaying a suspended, canceled, revoked or denied driver license is an offense.
SB0693	3	Lucio	<i>Art. 5.01, Insurance Code</i> DOI may establish a short term insurance program for vehicles entering Texas from Mexico.
SB0694	3	Wentworth	<i>Sec. 552.136, Government Code</i> Credit card, debit card and access numbers are confidential.
SB0700	4	Ellis, Rodney	<i>Sec. 232.003, Family Code</i> A license may be suspended for failing to comply with a court order concerning child custody.
SB0714	3	Sibley	<i>Chapter 20, Title 132, Revised Statutes</i> Warrantors of motor vehicle protection products are regulated.
SB0730	3	Harris	<i>Sec. 45.051, Code of Criminal Procedure</i> Driver Safety Education Courses may be directed in misdemeanor traffic offenses.
SB0777	3	Barrientos	<i>Sec. 681.003, Trans. Code</i> Podiatrists may sign applications for disabled placards.
SB0817	4	Armbrister	<i>Sec. 721.003, Trans. Code</i> The Texas Lottery Commission does not have to put its name on its vehicles.
SB0896	2	Shapiro	<i>Sec. 256.002(b), Trans. Code</i> The allocation formula for the county and road district highway fund is changed.
SB0968	4	Bivins	<i>Sec. 521.349, Trans. Code</i> A person who "drives off" without paying for fuel from a retail establishment commits a misdemeanor, and may have his/her drivers license suspended.
SB1089	3	Truan	<i>Sec. 502.264(a), Trans. Code</i> Veterans who served in Vietnam between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 are eligible to receive the Vietnam veteran special plate.
SB1213	4	Zaffirini	<i>Sec. 521.121, Trans. Code</i> The appearance of the drivers license is changed for persons under age 21.
SB1353	3	Armbrister	<i>Sec. 502.2555, Trans. Code</i> Additional sets of Legion of Valor and POW special plates may be purchased at an additional cost of \$15 plus regular registration.
SB1371	4	Brown, Buster	<i>Sec. 702.002, Trans. Code</i> Renewal of drivers licenses may be denied if that individual's fines are not paid.
SB1458	1	Duncan	<i>Sec. 481.130, Government Code</i> A comprehensive system for electronic government is proposed using the internet, establishing oversight committees, and overall seat management.
SB1563	3	Shapleigh	<i>Sec 502.2735, Trans. Code</i> Deaf and Hard of Hearing special plate is created.