

Chapter 143

H.B. No. 75

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the exemption from vehicle registration for certain
3 farm vehicles owned by a farmers' cooperative society or marketing
4 association.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 502.146, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsections (e) and (h) to
8 read as follows:

9 (c-1) An exemption provided by this section applies to a
10 vehicle owned by a farmers' cooperative society incorporated under
11 Chapter 51, Agriculture Code, or a marketing association organized
12 under Chapter 52, Agriculture Code, and used by members of the
13 society or association for a fee if the vehicle otherwise meets the
14 requirements for the exemption.

15 (e) Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), this [~~This~~]
16 section does not apply to a farm trailer or farm semitrailer that:

17 (1) is used for hire;

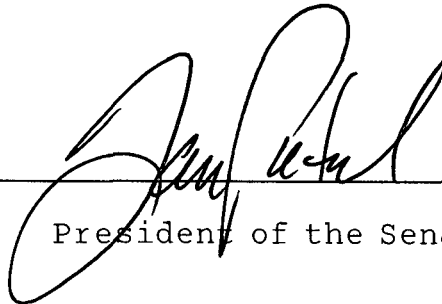
18 (2) has metal tires operating in contact with the
19 highway;

20 (3) is not equipped with an adequate hitch pinned or
21 locked so that it will remain securely engaged to the towing vehicle
22 while in motion; or

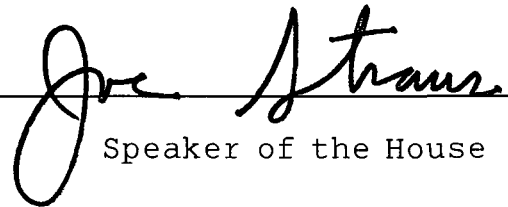
23 (4) is not operated and equipped in compliance with
24 all other law.

1 (h) A specialty license plate may not be issued under
2 Subsection (a) to an owner of a vehicle described by Subsection
3 (b)(1) unless the vehicle's owner provides a registration number
4 issued by the comptroller under Section 151.1551, Tax Code, or the
5 vehicle is owned by a farmers' cooperative society incorporated
6 under Chapter 51, Agriculture Code, or a marketing association
7 organized under Chapter 52, Agriculture Code. The comptroller
8 shall allow access to the online system established under Section
9 151.1551(1), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided
10 under this subsection.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

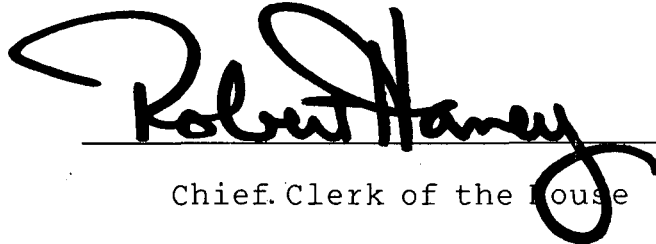


President of the Senate




Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 75 was passed by the House on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 75 was passed by the Senate on May 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2



Secretary of the Senate

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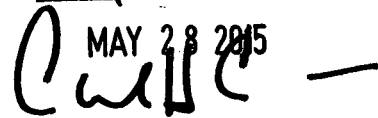
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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 22, 2015

TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB75 by González, Mary (Relating to the exemption from vehicle registration for certain farm vehicles owned by a farmers' cooperative society or marketing association.), **As Engrossed**

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LBB Staff: UP, AG, SD

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FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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