

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, only a vehicle which carries more than six passengers qualifies for a vehicle registration fee exemption when used by charitable religious organizations. Trailers and semitrailers used to deliver supplies to the poor or homeless do not qualify for the fee exemption. This bill would allow qualified religious organizations to register certain vehicles used primarily for charitable functions, without paying a required fee.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 408 would permit trailers and semitrailers owned by a qualified religious organization and used primarily for charitable activities, to register without payment.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 502E, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.2035, as follows:

Sec. 502.2035. TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS OWNED BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. Permits certain vehicles to be registered without payment if they are owned by a qualified religious organization and used primarily for charitable activities and functions of the organization. Requires an application for payment-free vehicle registration to include a certain statement by an officer of the religious organization.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.