

TRANSPORTATION CODE

CHAPTER 645. SINGLE STATE REGISTRATION

Sec. 645.001. SINGLE STATE REGISTRATION. The Texas Department of Transportation shall, to the fullest extent practicable, participate in the single state registration system established under 49 U.S.C. Section 14504. Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 30.152(a), eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Sec. 645.002. FEES. (a) The department may charge a motor carrier holding a permit issued under Subtitle IV, Title 49, United States Code, a fee for filing proof of insurance consistent with 49 U.S.C. Section 14504 not to exceed the maximum fee established under federal law.

(b) The department may adopt rules regarding the method of payment of a fee under this chapter. The rules may:

(1) authorize the use of an escrow account described by Subsection (c), an electronic funds transfer, or a valid credit card issued by a financial institution chartered by a state or the United States or by a nationally recognized credit organization approved by the department; and

(2) require the payment of a discount or service charge for a credit card payment in addition to the fee.

(c) The department may establish one or more escrow accounts in the state highway fund for the prepayment of a fee under this chapter. A prepaid fee or any fee established by the department for the administration of this section shall be:

(1) administered under an agreement approved by the department; and

(2) deposited to the credit of the state highway fund to be appropriated only to the department for the purposes of administering this chapter.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 30.152(a), eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 62, Sec. 17.33(a), eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 645.003. ENFORCEMENT RULES. The department shall adopt rules that are consistent with federal law providing for:

(1) administrative penalties in the same manner as Section 643.251; and

(2) suspension and revocation of registration in the same manner as Section 643.252.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 30.152(a), eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Sec. 645.004. CRIMINAL OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) violates a rule adopted under this chapter; or

(2) fails to register a vehicle required to be registered under this chapter.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(c) Each day a violation of a rule occurs is a separate offense under this section.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 30.152(a), eff. Sept. 1, 1997.