

CHAPTER 903

H.B. No. 1403

An Act relating to the registration period for a motor vehicle.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 3(f), Chapter 88, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6675a-3, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(f) ~~Application shall be made for the registration of a new vehicle for the unexpired portion of the year in which it is acquired before it is operated on the public highways; except that a new vehicle may be operated temporarily by a dealer under the dealer's license number or by its purchaser under a special dealer cardboard number, as provided in Chapter 211, General and Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended.]~~ The year for the purpose of registration of ~~motor~~ vehicles shall be *a twelve (12) month period designated by the Department which begins on the first*

*day of a calendar month and expires on the last day of the last calendar month in that registration period [April 1st to March 31st of the next succeeding calendar year], and may be referred to as the "Motor Vehicle Registration Year"; and "current year" where used in the statutes relating to payment of registration fees shall mean that Vehicle Registration Year. Application for the renewal of registration of a vehicle shall be made during the two (2) months immediately preceding the motor vehicle registration year for which the registration fee is due; and the fee to be paid for such renewal shall be the fee which will be in effect on the first day of such year [not later than April 1st of such year].*

**SECTION 2.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: Immediately