

CHAPTER 605

S.B. No. 125

An Act relating to the exemption from identification requirements of certain state-owned vehicles of the attorney general's office, the Savings and Loan Department of Texas, and The Banking

Department of Texas; authorizing penalties; amending Article 6701m-1, Revised Statutes, as amended.

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

SECTION 1. Article 6701m-1, Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“Article 6701m-1. INSCRIPTION ON STATE VEHICLE. There shall be printed upon each side of every automobile, truck or other motor vehicle owned by the State of Texas the word ‘Texas,’ followed in letters of not less than two (2) inches high by the title of the department, bureau, board, commission or official having the custody of such car, and such inscription shall be in a color sufficiently different from the body of the car so that the lettering shall be plainly legible at a distance of not less than one hundred (100) feet, and the official having control thereof shall have such wording placed thereon as prescribed herein, and whoever drives any automobile, truck or other motor vehicle belonging to the State upon the streets of any town or city or upon a highway without such inscription printed thereon shall be fined not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Provided, however, State-owned vehicles under control and custody of the State Board of Pharmacy, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Corrections, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, *the office of the attorney general’s Health Services Providers Integrity and Medicaid Fraud Division, The Banking Department of Texas, the Savings and Loan Department of Texas,* the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Agencies and Branches of Government for whom appropriations are made under the article of the General Appropriations Act that appropriates money to the legislature, and the Texas Youth Council may be exempt from the requirements of this Act by rule and regulation of the governing bodies of these State agencies *or, in the case of the office of the attorney general, by rules and regulations of the attorney general.* Such rules and regulations shall specify the primary use to which vehicles exempt from the requirements of this Act are devoted, the purpose to be served by not printing on them the inscriptions required by this Act and such rules and regulations shall not be effective until filed with the Secretary of State. *No use of vehicles exempt from the requirements of this Act shall be made except for the legitimate purposes expressly specified in the rules and regulations. If a use not specified in the rules and regulations is made of the exempt vehicles, the penalties prescribed in this Act apply to that use.* Whoever drives a vehicle exempted from the requirements of this Act as authorized by this provision shall not be subject to the penalties prescribed in this Act.”

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 the Senate on February 6, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 14, 1985

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