

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 834
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DIGEST

The 73rd Legislature passed bills calling for payment delays. The 74th Legislature discontinued the practice of payment deferrals, and put the funding back on schedule for all funds except the motor fuels tax. The payment of deferrals provided extra flexibility regarding funding obligations to areas such as public and higher education, health and human services, and criminal justice. These areas would have been cut without the additional funding provided by the payment of deferrals. This bill allows for the delay of payment of the motor fuels taxes to be initiated again this biennium.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 834 allows for the delay of payment of the motor fuels taxes to be initiated again this biennium.

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 Section 1, Chapter 111, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, to require the comptroller to allocate and deposit to the credit of the state highway fund the portions of certain revenue, as soon as practicable, after September 5, 1999, rather than 1997, and no later than September 10, 1999, rather than 1997. Provides that this section expires October 1, 1999, rather than 1997. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.