

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a valid Texas registration is required to transfer a title for a vehicle titled in Texas. A Texas registration is a road use fee, required only of vehicles which will be operated on the public roads and streets of this state. If, after registering the vehicle according to the status of forces agreement, the Texas resident desires to transfer title of the vehicle, the service member is required to obtain a current Texas registration. This amounts to a double road use fee, once in Texas where the vehicle will not be operated and once in the country where it will be operated. H.B. 1743 sets forth requirements for certain persons on active duty in the armed forces of the United States regarding the registration and the transfer of motor vehicles.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1743 sets forth requirements for certain persons on active duty in the armed forces of the United States regarding the registration and the transfer of motor vehicles.

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 502A, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.0025, as follows:

Sec. 502.0025. EFFECT OF CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE ON REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. Provides that this section applies only to a motor vehicle that is owned by a certain person. Sets forth certain provisions that will take place unless the registration or license issued for a vehicle described by Subsection (a) is suspended, canceled, or revoked by this state as provided by law.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 520C, Transportation Code, by adding Section 520.0225, as follows:

Sec. 520.0225. PERSONS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN ARMED FORCES OF UNITED STATES. Provides that this section applies only to a used motor vehicle that is owned by a certain person. Provides that the requirement in Section 520.021 that a used vehicle be registered under the law of this state does not apply to vehicle described by Subsection (a). Requires the person selling, trading, or otherwise transferring a used motor vehicle described by Subsection (a) to deliver to the transferee certain items in lieu of delivering the license receipt to the transferee of the vehicle, as required by Section 520.022. Provides that a registration receipt issued by a host nation that is not written in the English language to be accompanied by certain items.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 520.031(a), Transportation Code, to require the transferee of the used motor vehicle to file with the county assessor-collector certain information.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.