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DIGEST

Currently, Department of Public Safety (department) personnel are required to obtain the driver's license and the vehicle registration of a convicted person if the person fails to surrender these items after receiving a notice. This creates time consuming bookkeeping requirements for the department. H.B. 2032 authorizes the department to require a license holder who has had a license suspended or revoked by the department to surrender the license to the department. This bill authorizes the department to return a suspended license to the holder on the expiration of the suspension period. This bill also authorizes the department to require the person to send to the department the person's driver's license and vehicle registration. It authorizes the department to direct a department employee to obtain and send to the department the driver's license and vehicle registration of a person who fails to send the person's license or registration.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2032 establishes provisions regarding the surrender of a suspended or revoked driver's license or vehicle registration.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Department of Public Safety in SECTION 3 (Section 601.372, Transportation Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.308, Transportation Code, to authorize, rather than require, the Department of Public Safety (department) to require a license holder who has had the person's license suspended or revoked by the department to surrender the license to the department. Authorizes, rather than requires, the department to return a suspended license to the holder on the expiration of the suspension period.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 521.347(a), Transportation Code, to authorize, rather than require, the court that convicts a person of an offense for which this chapter or Chapter 522, Transportation Code, requires automatic suspension of the person's driver's license to require the person to surrender to the court each driver's license held by the person.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 601.372(c), Transportation Code, to authorize the department, by rule, to require the person to send the person's drivers license, rather than requiring the person to send the driver's license, and vehicle registrations no later than 10 days after receiving written notice from the department.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 601.373(b), Transportation Code, to authorize, rather than require, the department to direct a department employee to obtain and send to the department the driver's license and vehicle registration of a person who fails to send the person's license or registration in accordance with Section 601.372.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 6. Emergency clause.