

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) or a county assessor-collector may refuse to register a vehicle if the owner of that vehicle owes a fine in a county in which the vehicle is being registered. H.B. 2955 extends this authority to vehicles registered statewide and allows TxDOT or a county assessor-collector to refuse registration if the owner of the vehicle owes any county a fine, fee, or tax.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends the heading of Section 502.185, Transportation Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 502.185. REFUSAL TO REGISTER VEHICLE BY COUNTIES OR DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 502.185(a), Transportation Code, to authorize a county assessor-collector or the Texas Department of Transportation to refuse to register a motor vehicle if the owner of the vehicle is a resident of a county with a population of more than 3 million and owes a county in the state, rather than the county, money for a past-due fine, fee, or tax.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2005.