

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

Today, most companies register their token semitrailers (a semitrailer with a gross weight of 6,000 pounds operated in combination with a truck or truck-tractor) for one year or register the semitrailer in another state. If the company registers the semitrailers in this state, a sticker is issued to the company to be placed on the plate to show the registration has been paid for that year. Many companies have a difficult time keeping up with the locations of their semitrailers, and in many instances semitrailers are not parked at the company facilities on a particular schedule. This requirement has caused some companies to register their semitrailers in other states that have more flexible regulations in this area. Under current law, a company or person must own 50 or more semitrailers to be eligible to register the trailers for a period of five consecutive years.

H.B. 2992 authorizes the owner of any number of semitrailers to register the semitrailers for a period of five consecutive years.

### **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 Section 502.167(j), Transportation Code, to delete a requirement that a person own 50 or more semitrailers at the time of the application for registration of a semitrailer from the list of requirements for that application.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.