

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor if the person accesses, uses, compiles, or maintains electronically readable information from a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate, except in certain circumstances. A database of the information derived from the preceding documents can currently be accessed, used, compiled, or maintained only for law enforcement or governmental purposes. If the license holder gives consent, only a financial institution is authorized to access, maintain, compile and use the electronically readable information.

As proposed, S.B. 1251 authorizes access, retention, and compilation of electronically readable information on a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate if the license or certificate holder consents to the disclosure.

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 521.126(b), Transportation Code, to provide that, except as provided by Subsections (d), (e), and (g), a person commits an offense if the person accesses or uses electronically readable information derived from a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate without the consent of the license or certificate holder, or compiles or maintains a database of such information without the consent of each license or certificate holder whose information is accessed, used, compiled, or maintained.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.