

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, a person wishing to register a vehicle for use during emergencies by a nonprofit disaster relief organization is required to provide a statement by the county sheriff that the vehicle has not been used for any purpose other than emergencies. The sheriff is not required to inspect the vehicle or investigate how the vehicle is used. H.B. 1368 removes the requirement to obtain a statement from the sheriff to register a vehicle for use by a nonprofit disaster relief organization and adds a provision requiring the owner of the vehicle to provide a written statement that the vehicle has been used only for emergencies.

### **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 502.203(b), Transportation Code, to require an application for registration under this section to include:

- a statement by the owner of the vehicle that the vehicle is used exclusively for emergencies and has not been used for any other purpose; and
- a statement signed by an officer of the nonprofit disaster relief organization, rather than by the sheriff of the county in which the vehicle is registered, that the vehicle has not been used for any purpose other than emergencies and qualifies for registration under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.