

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, all city-owned vehicles are required to clearly display the name of the municipality and the title of the department, with the exceptions of police, magistrate, and medical examiners. As proposed, S.B. 122 allows municipalities to use and maintain unmarked city vehicles for surveillance activities while conducting investigations of fraud or employee misconduct by certain city employees.

### **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 721.005(a), Transportation Code, to exempt from the requirements of Section 721.004 (Inscription Required on Municipal and County-Owned Motor Vehicles and Heavy Equipment) an automobile used by a municipal employee conducting an investigation involving suspected fraud or other mismanagement within the municipality. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.