

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3216
By: Israel
Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that reported inconsistencies in state law regarding special vehicle registrations have made it difficult for law enforcement to detect fraudulent temporary tags and permits for commercial motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and motor buses. H.B. 3216 seeks to address this issue by applying certain requirements governing the display of temporary tags to 72-hour and 144-hour permits.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3216 amends the Transportation Code to require a receipt for a temporary 72-hour or 144-hour commercial registration permit to be carried in the vehicle for which it was issued at all times during the period for which the permit is valid. The bill requires the temporary tag to contain all requisite pertinent information and to be displayed in the rear window of the vehicle so that the tag is clearly visible and legible when viewed from the rear of the vehicle or, if the vehicle does not have a rear window, to be attached to or carried in the vehicle to allow ready inspection.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.