

- SUBJECT:** Requiring issuance of photocopy of confiscated driver's license
- COMMITTEE:** Public Safety — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Merritt, Frost, Burnam, Lewis, Mallory Caraway, Rodriguez, Vo  
0 nays  
2 absent — Driver, P. King
- WITNESSES:** For — Jeanette Rash, Texas Towing and Storage Association  
Against — None  
On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Ron Joy, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Highway Patrol Division)
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code, sec. 524.011(b) requires a police officer to take possession of the driver's license of an individual arrested for a driving while intoxicated offense or driving under the influence and to issue the individual a temporary driving permit. The temporary driving permit does not include a photo. Under the Texas Administrative Code (16 TAC, part 4, sec. 85.710), a vehicle towing and storage business is not required to release a vehicle to its owner without a valid photo identification issued by the state or federal government.
- DIGEST:** HB 1988 would require a police officer who confiscated a driver's license because the person had been arrested for driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence to make a photocopy of the driver's license and attach it to the temporary license issued to the individual.
- The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.