

- SUBJECT:** Exempting deployed servicemembers from the motor vehicle sales tax
- COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 10 ayes — D. Bonnen, Y. Davis, Bohac, Button, Darby, Martinez Fischer, Murphy, Springer, C. Turner, Wray
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Parker
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Michael Weaver, Church Group; Angela Smith, Fredericksburg Tea Party; Matt Long; Sandy Ward)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Tax Code, ch. 152 imposes a variety of taxes on the transfer, rental, sale, and use of motor vehicles, including a 6.25 percent tax on a retail sale.
- DIGEST:** HB 682 would exempt from sales taxes on a personal vehicle an active duty deployed member of the United States military who was a resident of Texas. The resident would be required to submit an application to the comptroller, who could adopt rules to implement and administer these new provisions.
- This bill would take effect July 1, 2015, if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2015, and would apply only to the purchase of a motor vehicle on or after that date.
- NOTES:** The Legislative Budget Board’s fiscal note estimates the bill would have a negative net impact of \$3.2 million to general revenue through fiscal 2016-17 if it took effect July 1. If it took effect September 1, it would have an estimated negative net impact of \$3 million through fiscal 2016-17.