
SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2014, the Department of State Health Services shall modify the mental health intervention program for veterans as required by Subchapter H, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 26, 2013: Yeas 138, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2392 on May 20, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 4 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 353
H.B. No. 2394
AN ACT
relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring title for all trailers, semitrailers, and travel trailers not considered manufactured housing.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 501.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.007. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF TITLE BEING OBTAINED FOR ALL TRAILERS, SEMITRAILERS, AND TRAVEL TRAILERS THAT ARE NOT MANUFACTURED HOUSING. (a) The department shall conduct a study of the feasibility of requiring title for each trailer, semitrailer, or travel trailer that is not manufactured housing.

(b) In conducting the study required under this section, the department must, in relation to all trailers, semitrailers, and travel trailers covered by the study:

(1) determine the cost and feasibility of assigning vehicle identification numbers;
(2) develop options for obtaining title;
(3) evaluate the processes of inspection, verification, and assignment of vehicle identification numbers;
(4) develop recommendations for requiring the permanent affixation of vehicle identification numbers;
(5) determine the approximate fiscal impact from theft and evaluate options to decrease this theft; and
(6) evaluate the level of access individuals in rural areas have to obtain title.

(c) In conducting the study, the department must use input from local governmental entities that provide title services for trailers, semitrailers, or travel trailers, automotive theft experts, statewide associations representing agricultural entities, and statewide associations of counties. The department may use input from any other organization, as necessary.

(d) On request of the department, the comptroller shall assist the department in conducting the study.

(e) The department shall prepare a report that contains its study findings and makes recommendations regarding possible legislative solutions to any problems found in the processes for obtaining title for trailers, semitrailers, or travel trailers covered by the study. Not later than September 1, 2014, the department shall submit the report to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over motor vehicles.

(f) This section expires August 31, 2015.

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SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 354

H.B. No. 2459

AN ACT relating to the limitation on the amount that may be charged for certain debt cancellation agreements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 348.601(b), Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The amount charged for a debt cancellation agreement made in connection with a retail installment contract may not exceed five percent of the amount financed pursuant to the retail installment contract. [must be created in good faith and be commercially reasonable.]

Section 348.124(c) does not apply to a debt cancellation agreement regulated under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 132, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 355

H.B. No. 2462

AN ACT relating to automobile club memberships offered in connection with certain motor vehicle retail installment contracts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 348.005, Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 348.005. ITEMIZED CHARGE. An amount in a retail installment contract is an itemized charge if the amount is not included in the cash price and is the amount of:

(1) fees for registration, certificate of title, and license and any additional registration fees charged by a full service deputy under Section 520.008 [502.114], Transportation Code;

(2) any taxes;

(3) fees or charges prescribed by law and connected with the sale or inspection of the motor vehicle; and

(4) charges authorized for insurance, service contracts, warranties, automobile club memberships, or a debt cancellation agreement by Subchapter C.

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 348, Finance Code, is amended by adding Section 348.414 to read as follows:

Sec. 348.414. AUTOMOBILE CLUB MEMBERSHIP OFFERED IN CONNECTION WITH RETAIL INSTALLMENT CONTRACT. (a) A retail seller may, at the time a retail