

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Texas uses a single procedure to register all vehicles in the state. Annually, the Texas Department of Transportation (department) mails a registration renewal form to the vehicle owner for each vehicle owned. Some businesses have a large number of vehicles, and receive a renewal notice for each vehicle which must be received, completed, and mailed back, creating a large amount of paperwork for the business as well as for the state. H.B. 2124 creates a consolidated registration system for vehicles in a fleet.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Department of Transportation in SECTION 1 (Section 502.0022, Transportation Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 502A, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.0022, as follows:

Sec. 502.0022. CONSOLIDATED REGISTRATION OF FLEET VEHICLES. Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to develop and implement a system of registration so that an owner of a fleet of motor vehicles may consolidate the registration of the motor vehicles in the fleet as an alternative to the separate registration of each motor vehicle in the fleet. Requires a system of consolidated registration under this section to allow the owner of a fleet of motor vehicles to register an entire fleet of motor vehicles in the county of the owner's residence or principal place of business or those vehicles in a fleet of vehicles that are operated most regularly in the same county by registering the vehicles in that county. Requires the department by rule to define "fleet" for purposes of this section. Authorizes the department to adopt rules to administer this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.