

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has begun the process to upgrade its 10-year-old automated Registration and Titling System (RTS). Legislation enacted during the 76th Legislature added \$1 to the registration fee for each vehicle in certain counties in order to fund RTS enhancements. The revenue from this fee generated \$14.4 million in fiscal 2000 and a total of about \$30 million will be collected by the end of fiscal 2001. The total collected by the end of fiscal 2003, about \$30 million, is expected to be enough to cover the cost of upgrading RTS. TxDOT will need funding to make on-going enhancements to RTS, but the current annual income should not be necessary. C.S.S.B. 1520 reduces the fee for enhancing RTS from \$1 to \$0.35 per vehicle beginning in fiscal 2004 and requires \$0.25 of that fee to be used for enhancing RTS while requiring the remaining \$0.10 to be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund to defray the cost of issuing disabled parking placards.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 502.1705, Transportation Code, as follows:

Sec. 502.1705. New heading: ADDITIONAL FEE FOR AUTOMATED REGISTRATION AND TITLE SYSTEM AND DISABLED PARKING PLACARDS. Requires a fee of 35 cents, rather than \$1, to be collected in addition to other registration fees for a license plate or set of license plates or other device used as the registration insignia. Authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (department), of each fee collected under this section, to use 25 cents for certain purposes and to deposit 10 cents to the credit of the state highway fund to defray the cost of issuing disabled parking placards under Section 681.004. Provides that this section applies only in a county in which the department's automated registration and title system has been implemented and in which 50,000 or more motor vehicles were registered during the preceding year.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2004.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amends As Filed S.B. 1520 as follows:

SECTION 1. Omits original SECTION 1 and adds a new SECTION 1.

SECTION 2. No change.