

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state or another state or country and held by a governmental body is not subject to mandatory disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act. However, current law provides that each time a request for such records is made, the governmental body must request a decision from the attorney general whether the information must be disclosed.

S.B. 458 provides that a governmental body is not required to seek an open records decision from the attorney general if the governmental body is requested to provide a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state or another state or country.

As proposed, S.B. 458 amends current law relating to certain motor vehicle records excepted from disclosure under the Public Information Act.

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 552.130(c), Government Code, to authorize a governmental body to redact information described by Subsection (a) (relating to information excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 (Availability of Public Information)), rather than Subsections (a)(1) (relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit issued by an agency of this state or another state or country) and (3) (relating to a personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country).

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.