

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 2202 (83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013) established a dedicated Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund separate from the General Revenue and State Highway Fund. The creation of this fund ended any "diversion" by separating the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) from the State Highway Fund. H.B. 2202 ensured statutorily-dedicated fees were being used for the intended purposes and provided transparency in funding.

H.B. 6 (83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013), also known as the funds consolidation bill, did not exempt the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund from its provisions, consequently "abolishing" the fund. Therefore, starting in fiscal year 2014, the revenue streams that would have gone into the TxDMV Fund have been deposited to the credit of the state's General Revenue Fund. S.B. 1512 re-creates the fund and rededicates the revenues per the provisions of H.B. 2022 passed last session.

S.B. 1512 ensures that the TxDMV Fund and its revenue dedications are included in the 84th Legislature's Funds Consolidation Bill by exempting it from the provisions of the funds consolidation into General Revenue.

At the request of the agency, the committee substitute changes the effective date to September 1, 2016.

S.B. 1512 amends current law relating to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles fund.

### **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. Provides that, on September 1, 2016, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) fund created by Section 1001.151 (Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund), Transportation Code, as enacted by Section 71, Chapter 1287 (H.B. 2202), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is re-created by this Act as a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, and all revenue dedicated for deposit to the credit of the TxDMV fund by a provision of Chapter 1287 (H.B. 2202), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is rededicated by this Act for that purpose.

SECTION 2. (a) Requires the comptroller of public accounts of the State of Texas (comptroller), on September 1, 2016, to transfer from the general revenue fund to the credit of the TxDMV fund, as re-created by this Act, the amount of \$23 million.

SECTION 3. Requires the comptroller, except as specified by Section 2 of this Act, of the revenue dedicated for deposit to the credit of the TxDMV fund by a provision of Chapter 1287 (H.B. 2202), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, to deposit to the credit of that fund only revenue received on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2016.