

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2475
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Homeland Security & Public Safety
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding confusion over the time at which a person may provide information proving that the person is indigent for purposes of a payment plan entered into under the driver responsibility program. H.B. 2475 seeks to address this issue by authorizing this information to be provided at any time during the period the person is enrolled in the payment plan.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2475 amends the Transportation Code to authorize a person assessed a surcharge under the driver responsibility program to provide information establishing that the person is indigent to the applicable court at any time during a period the person is enrolled in an installment plan for payment of the surcharge. This authorization applies to any surcharge pending on the bill's effective date, regardless of whether the surcharge was imposed before that date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.