

- SUBJECT:** Allowing certain electronic forms when transferring a motor vehicle
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 11 ayes — Morrison, Martinez, Burkett, Y. Davis, Israel, Phillips, Pickett, Simmons, E. Thompson, S. Thompson, Wray
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Goldman, Minjarez
- WITNESSES:** For — Jeff Huffman, Texas Credit Union Association; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Anne O’Ryan, AAA Texas; Billy Phenix, Allstate Insurance Company; Ray Sullivan, Copart, Inc.; Melodie Durst, Credit Union Coalition of Texas; Steve Bresnen and Amy Bresnen, Insurance Auto Auctions; Joe Woods, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI); Cathy DeWitt, Texas Association of Business; Beaman Floyd, Texas Coalition for Affordable Insurance Solutions; Marti Johnson Luparello, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies; Eric Glenn, USAA; Kari King, USAA; Jim Baxa)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jeremiah Kuntz and Clint Thompson, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles)
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code, sec. 501.072 requires the seller of a motor vehicle to provide the buyer a written disclosure of the vehicle's odometer reading at the time of the sale on a form prescribed by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Sec. 501.076 allows certain written limited power of attorney agreements to be executed by vehicle owners.
- Observers note that written odometer reading disclosures and power of attorney agreements take time to transfer and that transactions involving such forms could be completed more quickly with electronic forms.

DIGEST: CSHB 1693 would allow the odometer disclosure statement to be provided to a transferee electronically as long as the disclosure was in compliance with federal law and regulations.

The bill would require the department to provide, both in electronic and paper formats, a secure power of attorney form and a secure reassignment form for licensed motor vehicle dealers.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2018.

NOTES: A companion bill, SB 1062 by Perry, was approved by the Senate on April 25.