(2nd reading) HB 3118 Schaefer, et al.

SUBJECT: Requirements for titling off-highway vehicles purchased outside the state

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — Burrows, Guillen, Bohac, Martinez Fischer, Murphy, Noble, E.

Rodriguez, Shaheen, Wray

0 nays

2 absent — Cole, Sanford

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Calvin Tillman; Al Zito)

Against — None

On — Larry Gaddes, Tax Assessor Collector Association of Texas; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Kip Niles, Arlington Motorsports; Lavonne Key, Comptroller of Public Accounts; Jeremiah Kuntz, Texas

Department of Motor Vehicles)

BACKGROUND: Tax Code ch. 151, subch. D governs imposition and collection of a use tax

imposed on items purchased for storage, use, or other consumption in the

state.

Some have suggested that there are insufficient mechanisms in place to

ensure use tax is paid on off-road vehicles purchased out of state.

DIGEST: HB 3118 would prohibit a county assessor-collector from issuing a title

receipt for an all-terrain or recreational off-highway vehicle that was purchased from an out-of-state retailer and that had a model year within a year of the date the title application was made unless the applicant signed

a form affirming the applicant had paid the applicable use tax.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

NOTES: According to the Legislative Budget Board, the bill would have a positive

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impact of \$2.9 million to general revenue related funds through fiscal 2020-21.