

SUBJECT: Limiting liability for county tax assessor-collectors

COMMITTEE: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Leach, Julie Johnson, Flores, Moody, Murr, Schofield, Slawson, Vasut
0 nays
1 absent — Davis

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Steve Bresnen, Elisa M. Tamayo, El Paso County; Kevin Kieschnick, Joel Romo, Nueces County; Ronnie Kiester, Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas)
Against — None

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that county tax assessor-collectors should not be held liable for misuse of license plates by dealers deputized to perform titling and registration services.

DIGEST: HB 3860 would establish that a county tax assessor-collector could not be held liable for an offense or damages due to the misuse of license plates or other fraudulent activity related to vehicle registration and titling by an individual or business entity deputized to perform titling services.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023, and would apply only to an offense committed or cause of action accrued on or after that date.