

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, when a non-Texas resident is in an accident and cannot show proof of financial responsibility in the State of Texas, the Texas Department of Public Safety sends a certified copy of the judgment to the official in charge of vehicle licenses and registrations. Mexico is not included on the list of places to which the department has the power to send a certified copy. This bill requires the Texas Department of Public Safety to notify the official in charge of vehicle licenses and registrations in Mexico of a judgment against residents of Mexico.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1049 requires the Texas Department of Public Safety to notify the official in charge of vehicle licenses and registrations in Mexico of a judgment against residents of Mexico.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 601.331(e), Transportation Code, by requiring the Department of Public Safety to send a certified copy of a judgment to the official in charge of issuing driver's licenses and vehicle registrations of the state, province of Canada, or state of Mexico in which the defendant resides.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.