

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Department of Public Safety (department) is required to notify certain individuals of the license suspension by certified mail. In order for the suspension to take effect, the person whose license is being suspended must sign the return receipt that accompanies the certified letter. There are concerns that persons affected by this suspension can avoid having their licenses suspended by simply not signing the receipt. This bill requires the department to notify a person of suspension of a license by regular mail to the last known address of this person.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1937 sets forth provisions regarding a notice to an owner or operator of a motor vehicle of security required following an accident.

### **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 601.155, Transportation Code, by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d), to delete a provision requiring a notice under this section to be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to a person's last known address, as shown by the Department of Public Safety's (department) records. Provides that a notice is presumed to be received if the notice was mailed to the person's last known address, as shown by the department's records.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.