

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, refusal to allow the registration of a vehicle occurs when an order stating that the owner is liable and the fine amount has been filed with the municipal court clerk. These instances of refusal only apply to outstanding fines for traffic violations when there is a warrant of arrest. This bill provides for the refusal of registration of a motor vehicle on the basis of parking violations.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 722 provides for the refusal of registration of motor vehicles by a county assessor-collector of the Texas Department of Transportation under certain conditions.

### **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 Sections 702.003(a) and (c), Transportation Code, to authorize a county assessor-collector or the Department of Transportation (department) to refuse to register a motor vehicle if the assessor-collector or the department receives under contract information from a municipality that the owner of the vehicle either has three or more unpaid delinquent parking citations or has an outstanding warrant from the municipality for failure to appear or failure to pay a fine on a complaint that involves the violation of a traffic law. Requires a municipality that has a contract under Subsection (b) to notify the county or the department regarding a person for whom the county assessor-collector or the department has refused to register a motor vehicle on dismissal or the payment of parking citations for which registration has been refused, among other conditions.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.