

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, C.S.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 a contract information from a municipality with a population of 440,000 or more located in a county with more than 35 incorporated cities that the owner of the vehicle has three or more unpaid parking tickets. 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.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 702.003(a), Transportation Code, to authorize a county assessor-collector or the department to refuse to register a motor vehicle if the county assessor-collector or department receives certain information from certain municipalities which state that the owner of the vehicle has three or more unpaid parking tickets.