

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

A law passed by the 75th Legislature removed a requirement that a court dismiss a charge for failure to maintain financial responsibility for a vehicle, with an affirmative defense to prosecution if a person provides documents proving financial responsibility at the time of the offense. It was discovered that the old procedure was more efficient. H.B. 2535 reinstates the old procedure by creating justification for the dismissal of a charge involving the failure to maintain financial responsibility for a motor vehicle, relating to the production of a certain document to the court.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2535 creates justification for the dismissal of a charge involving the failure to maintain financial responsibility for a motor vehicle, relating to the production of a certain document to the court.

### **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 601.193, Transportation Code, to provide that a defense consists of a certain document produced to the court. Requires the court to dismiss the charge subsequent to verification of a document.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.