

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a person may be charged with failure to show proof of motor vehicle insurance. The Transportation Code provides a defense to the failure if the person produces the necessary documentation; courts routinely dismiss the charge upon presentation of the proof. Nevertheless, the code does not specify to whom a person must produce the documented proof. S.B. 1568 would require a person charged with failure to produce proof of vehicle insurance to show a court proof of insurance, in order to claim a defense from prosecution; and would require the court to dismiss the charge upon presented verification.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1568 requires a person charged with failure to produce proof of vehicle insurance to show a court a proof of insurance, and requires the court to dismiss the charge upon verification.

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 a defense to prosecution under Sections 601.191 or 601.195, if the person produces to the court one of the documents listed in Section 601.053(a). Requires the court to verify a document produced under Subsection (a) and, subsequently, to dismiss the charge.

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

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.