

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires the annual registration renewal date for the owner of a motor vehicle to start the month the vehicle was first registered and titled with the county tax assessor collector. If someone owns more than one vehicle or a trailer, the registration renewal dates for each of these vehicles could fall on different months throughout the year. S.B. 432 would authorize the owner of a motor vehicle or trailer to designate a registration period for that vehicle of less than 12 months.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 432 authorizes the owner of a motor vehicle or trailer to designate a registration period for that vehicle of less than 12 months.

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 Chapter 502D, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.1585, as follows:

Sec. 502.1585. DESIGNATION OF REGISTRATION PERIOD BY OWNER. Authorizes the owner of a motor vehicle or a trailer to designate a registration period for that vehicle of less than 12 months. Requires a registration period designated under this section to begin on the first day of a calender month and end on the last day of a calender month. Provides that the registration fee for a registration period designated under this section is computed at a rate of one-twelfth the annual registration fee multiplied by the number of months in the designated registration period.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.