

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Texas Lottery Commission investigators are charged with enforcing the Texas Lottery Act and the Bingo Enabling Act. Undercover investigative work under dangerous circumstances is frequently employed to investigate and apprehend violators. As proposed, S.B. 817 provides that a surveillance vehicle used in the enforcement of the State Lottery Act or the Bingo Enabling Act be exempted from the Transportation Code requirement that state agency vehicles, unless exempted, bear the agency's name in letters not less than two inches high.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Department of Banking and the Texas Lottery Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 721.003, Transportation Code) of this bill).

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 721.003, Transportation Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(a) Authorizes the governing bodies of certain state agencies or divisions by rule to exempt from the requirements of Section 721.002 a motor vehicle that is under the control and custody of the agency or division, including the Texas Department of Banking and the Texas Lottery Commission.

(e) Authorizes a rule adopted by the Texas Lottery Commission under Subsection (a) to exempt from the requirements of Section 721.002 only a motor vehicle used exclusively for surveillance purposes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.