

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law provides for a notice of abatement of an abandoned motor vehicle to be delivered by certified mail, with a five-day return requested. However, there are less expensive delivery methods that provide the same verification process as does a certified mail delivery.

S.B. 351 authorizes a notice of abatement of an abandoned motor vehicle to be sent by the United States Postal Service with signature confirmation service. This will allow the sender to deliver the notice in the most cost-effective manner.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 683.075(a), Transportation Code, to require a notice for the abatement and removal of a public nuisance (abandoned motor vehicle) to be sent either by the United States Postal Service with signature confirmation service or by another method previously provided for in this subsection before abatement and removal of the nuisance under this subchapter (Junked Vehicles: Public Nuisance; Abatement).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.