

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The ability of local tax assessor-collectors to issue no-fee replacements for registration insignias and license plates was recently questioned by Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) legal staff.

While TxDMV's operation manual for tax assessor-collectors allowed them to issue replacement stickers if the stickers were lost through no fault of the consumer, statute contradicted this and assessed a small fee.

H.B. 2663 seeks to address this issue by creating such an exemption.

H.B. 2663 amends current law relating to exempting certain persons from a fee for replacement registration insignia and license plates.

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 502.060(b), Transportation Code, as follows:

(b) Provides that no fee is required under this section (Replacement of Registration Insignia) if a county assessor-collector determines that the owner of a registered motor vehicle did not receive a registration insignia that was issued to the owner by mail. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 504.007, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (g), to provide that no fee is required under this section (Replacement License Plates), if a county assessor-collector determines that the owner of a registered motor vehicle did not receive license plates that were issued to the owner by mail.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.