

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2971  
By: Harper-Brown  
Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

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HB 2971 would also encourage internal consistency and statutory conformity. When license plate and registration issuance went to a year-round renewal system, this provision was overlooked, and the current provision still reflects the days when all registrations expired on March 31. HB 2971 would require that the metal license plates expire on the same date as the expiration of the dealer license to which it is issued.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Motor Vehicle Board in SECTION 2 (503.061, Transportation Code) of this bill.

### **ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1 amends Section § 503.038(c), Transportation Code, by adding the word "license" to the list of things a licensee loses upon loss of his/her general distinguishing number.

SECTION 2 amends Section § 503.061, Transportation Code, by adding subsection (b) to clarify the board's rule-making authority with respect to license plates and states that the board may adopt rules regulating the issuance and use of a license plate issued pursuant to the terms of this section.

SECTION 3 amends Section § 503.066(d), Transportation Code, to require that the metal license plate expires on the same date as the expiration of the dealer license to which it is issued.

SECTION 4 states the effective date. The bill would be effective September 1, 2003.

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