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H.B. No. 1435

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a motor vehicle liability insurance database.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 601, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 601.024 to read as follows:

Sec. 601.024. LIABILITY INSURANCE DATABASE. (a) This section applies to a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance issued to a resident of this state.

(b) The department shall maintain a database containing information about policies to which this section applies that have expired or been canceled. On request of a law enforcement agency or other person the department by rule determines has a legitimate need for the information, the department shall provide information from the database about whether a specific policy has expired or been canceled.

(c) The department shall adopt rules requiring motor vehicle insurers to provide information necessary to maintain the database.

(d) The motor vehicle liability account is an account in the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only to maintain the database established under this section.

(e) An annual assessment is imposed on each motor vehicle insurer at a rate of 50 cents for each policy of motor vehicle liability insurance issued, delivered, or renewed by the insurer to

1 a resident of this state. The comptroller shall collect the
2 assessment and deposit the money to the credit of the motor vehicle
3 liability account. The comptroller may require a motor vehicle
4 insurer to provide information the comptroller considers necessary
5 to determine the number of policies issued, delivered, or renewed
6 by the insurer that are subject to the assessment.

7 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

8 (b) The Department of Public Safety shall establish the
9 database required by Section 601.024, Transportation Code, as added
10 by this Act, not later than September 1, 2004. The assessment
11 established by that section applies to a policy of motor vehicle
12 liability insurance issued, delivered, or renewed by an insurer to
13 a resident of this state on or after the effective date of this Act.