

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1789
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Law Enforcement
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under the Transportation Code, the Department of Public Safety must issue to a person who has changed addresses a sticker reflecting a person's new address to update the person's driver's license if the person requests a sticker. Due to the implementation of the digital license/identification card, the department no longer provides stickers to be placed on the current license to indicate name or address changes. The department now has the ability to reproduce the document with the existing photograph and new name and/or address. House Bill 1789 deletes statutory language relating to the outdated sticker process and makes the Transportation Code consistent with the department's current business processes.

In addition to the sticker for address changes, the Transportation Code authorizes the department to issue a disability or health condition certificate to individuals who have a disability or health condition that may impair their driving. The department has not been requested to and does not issue these certificates. H.B. 1789 deletes statutory language referencing disability and health certificates that are no longer utilized by the department.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

House Bill 1789 amends Section 521.054(b), Transportation Code, by deleting language that allows a person who has changed addresses to request a sticker from the department to affix to his or her license instead of applying for a duplicate license.

HB 1789 amends Section 521.424, Transportation Code, by deleting language providing a fee for a duplicate disability certificate or duplicate health condition certificate.

The bill repeals the following provisions of the Transportation Code:

- (1) Subsections 521.054(d), (e), and (f), providing for change of address stickers,
- (2) Section 521.102, regarding disability or health condition certificates, and
- (3) Section 521.423, providing a fee for the issuance of a disability or health condition certificate.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005