

1-1 By: Hamric (Senate Sponsor - Lindsay) H.B. No. 2955  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2005;  
1-3 May 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 20, 2005, reported  
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following  
1-6 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2955 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 284.209, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 284.209. ENFORCEMENT OF DECISION. A decision issued  
1-15 under Section 284.208(a) may be enforced by:

1-16 (1) placing a device that prohibits movement of a  
1-17 motor vehicle on the vehicle that is the subject of the decision;

1-18 (2) imposing an additional fine if the fine for the  
1-19 offense is not paid within a specified time; and ~~or~~

1-20 (3) refusing to allow the registration of the vehicle.

1-21 SECTION 2. The heading of Section 502.185, Transportation  
1-22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 502.185. REFUSAL TO REGISTER VEHICLE BY ~~[IN CERTAIN]~~  
1-24 COUNTIES OR DEPARTMENT.

1-25 SECTION 3. Section 502.185(a), Transportation Code, is  
1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 (a) A county assessor-collector or the department may  
1-28 refuse to register a motor vehicle if the assessor-collector or the  
1-29 department receives information that the owner of the vehicle owes  
1-30 a [the] county in this state money for a fine, fee, or tax that is  
1-31 past due.

1-32 SECTION 4. (a) The changes in law made by this Act to  
1-33 Section 284.209, Transportation Code, apply only to a violation of  
1-34 an order that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
1-35 violation of an order that occurs before the effective date of this  
1-36 Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the  
1-37 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
1-38 this purpose.

1-39 (b) The changes in law made by this Act to Section 502.185,  
1-40 Transportation Code, apply only to the registration of a motor  
1-41 vehicle that is applied for on or after the effective date of this  
1-42 Act.

1-43 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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