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TO: Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB891 by Leibowitz (Relating to motor vehicle airbags.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code by adding Section 501.0721, requiring the seller of a motor vehicle to provide the buyer with a written statement disclosing whether, during the time the seller owned the vehicle, an airbag on the vehicle deployed and whether a deployed airbag was replaced in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

The bill would amend Section 547.614 of the Transportation Code, relating to restrictions on airbags, to specify that an offense is a third-degree felony if it is proven in a trial of the offense that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense involving the improper installation of an airbag. The bill would further specify that such an offense is a second-degree felony if it is proven in a trial that as a result of the offense an individual suffered bodily injury. The bill would require the Motor Vehicle Board of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to suspend for five years the license of a license holder who is convicted of three or more offenses or is convicted of an offense resulting in bodily injury.

Based on the analysis of TxDOT, it is assumed any duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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