

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, military personal on leave and under certain ages may be charged higher rental prices on rental cars used on leave to visit loved ones, which can pose a financial hardship for the renter. Other rental agencies will not rent to persons under a certain age.

As proposed, S.B. 1390 requires all rental car companies to lease to military personnel regardless of age and regardless of whether the servicemember has a credit card.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 35, Business & Commerce Code, by adding Section 35.63, as follows:

Sec. 35.63. RENTAL OF VEHICLE TO MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES. (a) Defines "vehicle rental company."

(b) Prohibits a vehicle rental company from refusing to rent a private passenger vehicle to a person because of the person's age or because the person does not present a credit card or debit card if the person presents a valid military identification card indicating that the person is a member of the United States armed forces.

(c) Provides that a vehicle rental company that violates this section is liable to the state for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation. Authorizes the attorney general or the prosecuting attorney in the county in which a violation occurs to bring suit to recover the civil penalty imposed under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.