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

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

IN RE: HB310 by Goolsby (Relating to the transfer of registration and license plates between vehicles with the same owner.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB310, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from STATE HIGHWAY FUND 6
2008	\$14,508,535
2009	\$14,769,690
2010	\$15,035,545
2011	\$15,306,185
2012	\$15,581,695

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to allow the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to implement an electronic registration and title system that facilitates vehicle registration and the transfer of license plates, in which the title record maintained by TxDOT is the official record of vehicle ownership. The bill would allow the system to be separate from or a part of TxDOT's automated registration and title system. The bill would require a seller or transferor of a motor vehicle to remove the vehicle's license plates and registration insignia upon the sale or transfer of the vehicle and either dispose of the plates in the manner specified by TxDOT or transfer the plates to another vehicle owned by the seller or transferor. The bill would specify that any period remaining on a registration would continue with the vehicle being sold or transferred and would not transfer with the license plates or registration validation insignia; and, to continue the remainder of the vehicle's registration period, the purchaser or transferee must file an application for transfer of title or other

document required by TxDOT. The bill would authorize the transfer of plates from a sold or transferred vehicle to another vehicle titled in the seller or transferor's name after the person obtains an approval of an application for transfer by TxDOT, a new registration insignia, and pays a \$5 fee for the transfer of the plates and insignia. The bill would authorize a purchaser or transferor to apply for a temporary permit from TxDOT to move a vehicle purchased in a private-party transaction and without the plates and registration insignia.

The bill would take effect on January 1, 2008.

Methodology

Based on the analysis and information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed revenue gains to the state would result from approximately 2.9 million transfers in fiscal year 2008, with a growth rate of 1.8 percent each year, for a fee of \$5. It is assumed all revenues collected from the transfer fees would be deposited to the State Highway Fund. Based on the analysis of TxDOT, it is assumed any additional costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation

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