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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: HB2656 by Parker (Relating to requiring that a driver's license, personal identification certificate, commercial driver's license, and commercial driver learner's permit issued by the Department of Public Safety state that the holder is a registered sex offender.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend the Transportation Code requiring the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to print "RSO" on identification documents (identification certificate, driver's license, commercial driver's license, or commercial driver's license learner's permit) it issues to registered sex offenders whose victim was younger than 14 years of age at the time the offense was committed. Under the provision of this bill "RSO" would be printed on any identification document renewed before the 20th anniversary of the date the person was first required to register. The bill would also require DPS to post on its website information explaining the "RSO" designation.

DPS reports a one-time technology cost of \$133,000 to cover programming changes to the Driver License System. DPS reports it would be unable to implement the modifications necessary to comply with the provision of this bill until the Driver License Reengineering Project is completed in November 2007. DPS would also be allowed to collect an additional fee to cover the cost of complying with the provision of this bill. This analysis assumes a potential fee collected by DPS would offset programming costs but the amount of estimated revenue collected is not known at this time.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2007 and apply only to identification documents issued or renewed on or after the effective date.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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