

Amend CSSB 1507 by striking SECTION 224 of the bill (committee printing page 87, line 45 through page 88, line 12) and substituting:

SECTION 224. Subchapter B, Chapter 520, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Sections 520.024 and 520.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 520.024. REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION CONSOLIDATION STUDY. (a) In consultation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the department and the Department of Public Safety shall conduct a joint study on the feasibility of consolidation of the state's motor vehicle registration and compulsory inspection procedures in a manner that will allow completion of annual registration and compulsory inspection requirements as part of a single process. The study must address recommendations for:

- (1) consolidating shared records and information;
- (2) the manner in which registration and inspection fees collected will be distributed;
- (3) oversight regarding implementation of the consolidated procedures;
- (4) transition from the current separate procedures to the consolidated procedures; and
- (5) other related issues the departments consider appropriate.

(b) The departments shall share the cost of the study in equal amounts.

Sec. 520.025. MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF SHARED INFORMATION STUDY. (a) In consultation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the department and the Department of Public Safety shall conduct a joint study on the merger or consolidation of similar information that is collected separately by each agency. The study should include the feasibility of establishing a database interface software system that:

- (1) sufficiently protects the privacy of the public;
- (2) sufficiently protects the security and integrity of information provided;
- (3) increases public convenience;

(4) is cost-effective; and

(5) improves the coordination of regulatory resources.

(b) The implementing agencies may facilitate the implementation of the merger or consolidation, assist in the development of rules, and coordinate a testing phase.