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H.B. No. 2186

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the payment of a vehicle registration fee by a check  
3 drawn against insufficient funds.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 502.181(a), Transportation Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A county assessor-collector who receives from any  
8 person a check or draft drawn on a bank or trust company in payment  
9 of a registration fee for a registration year that has not ended on  
10 a motor vehicle, trailer, or motorcycle sidecar that is returned  
11 unpaid because of insufficient funds or no funds in the bank or  
12 trust company to the credit of the drawer of the check or draft  
13 shall [~~immediately~~] certify the fact to the sheriff or a constable  
14 or highway patrol officer in the county after attempts to contact  
15 the person fail to result in the collection of payment. The  
16 certification must be made before the 30th day after the date the  
17 check or draft is returned unpaid and:

- 18 (1) be under the assessor-collector's official seal;
- 19 (2) include the name and address of the person who gave  
20 the assessor-collector the check or draft;
- 21 (3) include the license plate number and make of the  
22 vehicle; [~~and~~]
- 23 (4) be accompanied by the check or draft; and
- 24 (5) be accompanied by documentation of any attempt to

1 contact the person and collect payment.

2           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
3 to a payment of a registration fee submitted to a county  
4 assessor-collector on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
5 payment submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed  
6 by the law in effect on the date the payment was submitted, and the  
7 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.