

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 2186  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009;  
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 11, 2009, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 11, 2009, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the payment of a vehicle registration fee by a check  
1-10 drawn against insufficient funds.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 502.181(a), Transportation Code, is  
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) A county assessor-collector who receives from any  
1-15 person a check or draft drawn on a bank or trust company in payment  
1-16 of a registration fee for a registration year that has not ended on  
1-17 a motor vehicle, trailer, or motorcycle sidecar that is returned  
1-18 unpaid because of insufficient funds or no funds in the bank or  
1-19 trust company to the credit of the drawer of the check or draft  
1-20 shall ~~[immediately]~~ certify the fact to the sheriff or a constable  
1-21 or highway patrol officer in the county after attempts to contact  
1-22 the person fail to result in the collection of payment. The  
1-23 certification must be made before the 30th day after the date the  
1-24 check or draft is returned unpaid and:

1-25 (1) be under the assessor-collector's official seal;

1-26 (2) include the name and address of the person who gave  
1-27 the assessor-collector the check or draft;

1-28 (3) include the license plate number and make of the  
1-29 vehicle; ~~[and]~~

1-30 (4) be accompanied by the check or draft; and

1-31 (5) be accompanied by documentation of any attempt to  
1-32 contact the person and collect payment.

1-33 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-34 to a payment of a registration fee submitted to a county  
1-35 assessor-collector on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
1-36 payment submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed  
1-37 by the law in effect on the date the payment was submitted, and the  
1-38 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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