

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 30, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

**IN RE: SB1356** by Lucio (Relating to a fee associated with the assignment of a vehicle identification number by the Texas Department of Transportation.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize the auto theft unit of a county or municipal law enforcement agency that conducts an inspection required by the Texas Department of Transportation to impose a \$40 fee. The fee would be credited to the general fund of the county or municipality to defray costs associated with administering the Certificate of Title Act, including administering title hearings. The law enforcement agency would be required to waive the fee if the person applying under Section 501.033 of the Transportation Code is the current registered owner.

**Local Government Impact**

The revenue gain would vary by county or municipality depending on how many inspections are conducted and whether the law enforcement agency chooses to impose the \$40 fee. As an example, Harris County reports, based on the number of inspections conducted by the sheriff's office in the previous two years, that implementation would result in a revenue gain of \$2,160 per year.

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

**Source Agencies:** 601 Department of Transportation

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