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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: SB1785 by Carona (Relating to the regulation of driver's licenses and personal identification certificates by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, including enforcement measures against fictitious or fraudulently obtained licenses or certificates; providing a criminal penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapters 521 and 522 of the Transportation Code, which would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to adopt rules establishing a system to detect multiple instances of addresses on driver licenses and identification certificates that could indicate fraud. The bill authorizes DPS to contract with a third party data verification service to assist in implementing this requirement. The bill also would prohibit the use of a post office box or private mail facility as a residence address. The bill states that, unless an exception exists under state or federal law, an applicant may receive delivery of a license or identification certificate at a post office box, but must provide a physical address and DPS may require documentation of the physical address. The Department may contract with a third party to verify a physical address.

This bill takes effect immediately if two-thirds of the members in both the House of Representatives and the Senate vote to approve this bill. If not, the bill takes effect on September 1, 2009.

DPS anticipates no significant fiscal impact to their agency.

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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