

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, a county tax assessor-collector or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) may refuse to register a motor vehicle if the owner of the vehicle is delinquent in the payment of a civil penalty imposed under the law relating to a photographic traffic signal enforcement system. H.B. 887 seeks to protect the rights of motor vehicle owners by prohibiting a county tax assessor-collector or TxDMV from refusing to register a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in a violation detected by a red light camera.

H.B. 887 amends current law relating to registration of a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in a violation detected by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Reenacts Section 707.017, Transportation Code, as amended by Chapters 266 (H.B. 2530), 542 (S.B. 1617), and 933 (H.B. 3097), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, and amends it, as follows:

Sec. 707.017. New heading: REGISTRATION AFTER CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED. Deletes existing Subsection (a) designation. Authorizes neither the county assessor-collector nor the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), rather than authorizes the county assessor-collector or the TxDMV, to refuse to register a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in the violation. Deletes existing Subsection (b) providing that this section does not apply to the registration of a motor vehicle under Section 501.0234 (Duty of Vehicle Dealer on Sale of Certain Vehicles).

SECTION 2. Provides that to the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.