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TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

IN RE: HB1523 by Phillips (Relating to the offense of transporting household goods without registration; providing a penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to create degrees of an offense if a person engages in or solicits the transportation of household goods for compensation without being registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The first offense would be a Class C misdemeanor, the second offense would be a Class B misdemeanor, and the third offense or more would be a Class A misdemeanor.

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

Local Government Impact

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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