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H.B. No. 3679

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to suspension of a vehicle registration by the Texas
3 Department of Motor Vehicles for failure to establish financial
4 responsibility; imposing a fee.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 601, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 601.235 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 601.235. SUSPENSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION BY
9 THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) The Texas Department of
10 Motor Vehicles may use records of the Texas Department of
11 Insurance, Department of Public Safety, and Texas Department of
12 Motor Vehicles and any other information available to the Texas
13 Department of Motor Vehicles to verify whether owners of motor
14 vehicles have established financial responsibility as required by
15 this chapter.

16 (b) If the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles determines
17 that the owner of a motor vehicle has not established financial
18 responsibility as required by this chapter, the Texas Department of
19 Motor Vehicles shall send a notice to the owner:

20 (1) requiring the owner to submit the evidence
21 required under Section 502.046 to the Texas Department of Motor
22 Vehicles before the 45th day after the date the notice is sent; and

23 (2) warning the owner that the Texas Department of
24 Motor Vehicles shall suspend the owner's vehicle registration if

1 the owner does not comply with Subdivision (1).

2 (c) If the owner does not comply with Subsection (b)(1), the
3 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the owner's
4 vehicle registration and mail in a timely manner a notice to the
5 owner that states that the owner's vehicle registration is
6 suspended. The suspension continues until the owner submits the
7 evidence required under Section 502.046 and pays the fee required
8 by Section 601.376.

9 (d) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules
10 to implement this section.

11 SECTION 2. Section 601.376, Transportation Code, is amended
12 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
13 follows:

14 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), a [A] driver's
15 license, vehicle registration, or nonresident's operating
16 privilege that has been suspended under this chapter may not be
17 reinstated and a new license or registration may not be issued to
18 the holder of the suspended license, registration, or privilege
19 until the person:

- 20 (1) pays to the department a fee of \$100; and
21 (2) complies with the other requirements of this
22 chapter.

23 (a-1) A driver's license or vehicle registration suspended
24 under Section 601.235 may not be reinstated until the holder of the
25 suspended license or registration pays to the Texas Department of
26 Motor Vehicles a fee of \$200 to cover the cost of administering that
27 section.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.