

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Thompson of Harris, Morrison

H.B. No. 1959

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles of alternative registration technologies for commercial motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1003, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 1003.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 1003.006. STUDY ON REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) The department shall:

(1) conduct a study that:

(A) identifies and assesses alternative technologies for registering commercial motor vehicles to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use in this state; and

(B) evaluates the safety and suitability for use on roadways of the technologies identified under Paragraph (A); and

(2) submit a report on the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chair of the standing committee of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over transportation issues not later than December 21, 2018.

(b) The department may collaborate with another state agency or a research division of an institution of higher education in this state to conduct the study.

1 (c) This section expires January 1, 2019.

2 SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "department" means the
3 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

4 (b) The department, in consultation with a state agency or
5 research division of an institution of higher education in this
6 state, shall establish a pilot program at no cost to the state that
7 identifies, implements, and assesses alternative technologies to
8 replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation
9 and registration methods currently in use for the registration of
10 commercial motor vehicles in this state.

11 (c) The pilot program must:

12 (1) evaluate the safety and suitability of the
13 alternative technologies identified under Subsection (b) of this
14 section for use on roadways; and

15 (2) be funded through contributions by participants
16 who voluntarily opt into the pilot program.

17 (d) Not later than December 21, 2018, the department shall
18 submit a report on the results of the pilot program to the governor,
19 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and
20 presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with
21 primary jurisdiction over transportation.

22 (e) This section expires January 1, 2019.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

ADOPTED

MAY 24 2017


Secretary of the Senate

By: Thompson/Taylor

H.B. No. 1959

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1959:

By: 

C.S. H.B. No. 1959

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AN ACT

2 relating to alternative registration technologies for commercial
3 motor vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 1003, Transportation Code, is amended by
6 adding Sections 1003.006 and 1003.007 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1003.006. STUDY ON REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR
8 VEHICLES. (a) The department shall:

9 (1) conduct a study that:

10 (A) identifies and assesses alternative
11 technologies for registering commercial motor vehicles to replace
12 license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and
13 registration methods currently in use in this state; and

14 (B) evaluates the safety and suitability for use
15 on roadways of the technologies identified under Paragraph (A); and

16 (2) submit a report on the results of the study to the
17 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
18 representatives, and presiding officer of each legislative
19 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over transportation
20 issues not later than December 1, 2021.

21 (b) The department may collaborate with another state
22 agency or a research division of an institution of higher education
23 in this state to conduct the study.

24 (c) This section expires January 1, 2023.

1 Sec. 1003.007. PILOT PROGRAM FOR REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL
2 VEHICLES. (a) The department, in consultation with a state agency
3 or research division of an institution of higher education in this
4 state, may establish a limited pilot program that identifies,
5 implements, and assesses alternative technologies for registering
6 commercial motor vehicles to replace license plates, permits, and
7 other existing documentation and registration methods currently in
8 use in this state if the department determines that the program can
9 be implemented at no cost to the state and that the results of the
10 study conducted under Section 1003.006 indicate that the program is
11 feasible.

12 (b) The program must:

13 (1) evaluate the safety and suitability for use on
14 roadways of the alternative technologies identified under
15 Subsection (a); and

16 (2) be funded through contributions by participants
17 who voluntarily opt into the program.

18 (c) Not later than December 1, 2022, the department shall
19 submit a report on the results of the program to the governor,
20 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and
21 presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with
22 primary jurisdiction over transportation issues.

23 (d) This section expires January 1, 2023.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2017

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1959 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to alternative registration technologies for commercial motor vehicles.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to conduct a study that identifies and assesses alternative technologies for registering commercial motor vehicles to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use in this state; and that evaluates the safety and suitability for use on roadways of the technologies identified. The bill would require TxDMV to submit a report on the results of the study not later than December 1, 2021. This requirement would expire January 1, 2023.

The bill would authorize TxDMV, in consultation with a state agency or research division of an institution of higher education, to establish a pilot program that identifies, implements, and assesses alternative technologies for registering commercial motor vehicles to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use in Texas if TxDMV determines that the program can be implemented at no cost to the State and the results of the study indicate that the program is feasible. The bill would require the program to be funded through contributions by participants who voluntarily opt into the program. The bill would require TxDMV to submit a report on the results of the program not later than December 1, 2022. Provisions of the bill authorizing the pilot program would expire on January 1, 2023.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house or otherwise on September 1, 2017.

Based on LBB's analysis of TxDMV, it is assumed any costs associated with conducting the study required by the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed TxDMV would establish the pilot program authorized by the bill only if the study indicates that it would be feasible and the agency determines that the pilot program could be implemented at no cost to the State. TxDMV estimates the implementation of a pilot program would cost of \$2,244,000 for programming, user acceptance testing, and system integration testing for multiple statewide systems currently used to register commercial vehicles, including the Registration and Titling System, International Registration Plan system, the Motor Carrier Credentialing System, and the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System. It is assumed any costs to implement the program would be funded through voluntary contributions from participants who opt into the program as required by the

bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

LBB Staff: UP, SD, AG, EH, TG

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2017

TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1959 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to alternative registration technologies for commercial motor vehicles.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to conduct a study that identifies and assesses alternative technologies for registering commercial motor vehicles to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use in this state; and that evaluates the safety and suitability for use on roadways of the technologies identified. The bill would require TxDMV to submit a report on the results of the study not later than December 1, 2021. This requirement would expire January 1, 2023.

The bill would authorize TxDMV, in consultation with a state agency or research division of an institution of higher education, to establish a pilot program that identifies, implements, and assesses alternative technologies for registering commercial motor vehicles to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use in Texas if TxDMV determines that the program can be implemented at no cost to the State and the results of the study indicate that the program is feasible. The bill would require the program to be funded through contributions by participants who voluntarily opt into the program. The bill would require TxDMV to submit a report on the results of the program not later than December 1, 2022. Provisions of the bill authorizing the pilot program would expire on January 1, 2023.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house or otherwise on September 1, 2017.

Based on LBB's analysis of TxDMV, it is assumed any costs associated with conducting the study required by the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed TxDMV would establish the pilot program authorized by the bill only if the study indicates that it would be feasible and the agency determines that the pilot program could be implemented at no cost to the State. TxDMV estimates the implementation of a pilot program would cost of \$2,244,000 for programming, user acceptance testing, and system integration testing for multiple statewide systems currently used to register commercial vehicles, including the Registration and Titling System, International Registration Plan system, the Motor Carrier Credentialing System, and the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System. It is assumed any costs to implement the program would be funded through voluntary contributions from participants who opt into the program as required by the

bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

LBB Staff: UP, AG, EH, TG

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION
Revision 1**

May 12, 2017

TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1959 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles of alternative registration technologies for commercial motor vehicles.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1959, As Engrossed: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from <i>Tx Dept of Motor Vehicles Fnd</i> 10	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>Tx Dept of Motor Vehicles Fnd</i> 10
2018	(\$2,244,000)	\$2,244,000
2019	\$0	\$0
2020	\$0	\$0
2021	\$0	\$0
2022	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to conduct a study that identifies and assesses alternative technologies for registering

commercial motor vehicles to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use in this state; and that evaluates the safety and suitability for use on roadways of the technologies identified. The bill would require TxDMV to submit a report on the results of the study not later than December 21, 2018.

The bill would require TxDMV, in consultation with a state agency or research division of an institution of higher education, to establish a pilot program at no cost to the state that identifies, implements, and assesses alternative technologies to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use for registration of commercial motor vehicles in Texas. The bill would require the pilot program to be funded through contributions by participants who voluntarily opt into the program. The bill would require TxDMV to submit a report on the results of the pilot program not later than December 21, 2018. Provisions of the bill requiring the pilot program would expire on January 1, 2019.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house or otherwise on September 1, 2017.

Methodology

The bill would require TxDMV to establish a pilot program that implements alternative technologies to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use for registration of commercial motor vehicles in Texas. TxDMV estimates a total cost of \$2,244,000 in fiscal year 2018 for programming, user acceptance testing, and system integration testing for multiple statewide systems currently used to register commercial vehicles, including the Registration and Titling System, International Registration Plan system, the Motor Carrier Credentialing System, and the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System. It is assumed these costs to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund would be reimbursed by voluntary contributions from participants who opt into the program as required by the bill.

Based on LBB's analysis of TxDMV, it is assumed any costs associated with conducting the study required by the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Technology

TxDmv anticipates programming and testing costs of \$2.2 million in to implement the pilot program required by the bill in fiscal year 2018.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

LBB Staff: UP, AG, EH, TG, SD

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 26, 2017

TO: Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1959 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles of alternative registration technologies for commercial motor vehicles.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to conduct a study that identifies and assesses alternative technologies for registering commercial motor vehicles to replace license plates, permits, and other existing documentation and registration methods currently in use in this state; and that evaluates the safety and suitability for use on roadways of the technologies identified. The bill would require TxDMV to submit a report on the results of the study not later than December 21, 2018.

Based on LBB's analysis of information provided by TxDMV, it is assumed implementation of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

LBB Staff: UP, AG, EH, TG, LBO