

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3760
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that state agencies, counties, and municipalities possess vehicles that are functional but beyond their useful lifespan. Concerns have been expressed that the law should be clarified with regard to the sale of these vehicles as surplus. C.S.H.B. 3760 seeks to address these concerns by providing for the issuance of temporary plates for a vehicle sold by such an entity.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3760 amends the Transportation Code to authorize a federal, state, or local governmental agency that is exempt from the requirement to obtain a dealer general distinguishing number to issue one temporary buyer's tag for a vehicle sold or otherwise disposed of by the governmental agency under state law. The bill establishes that a governmental agency that issues such a temporary buyer's tag is subject to statutory provisions applicable to a dealer relating to the buyer's temporary tag database and the unauthorized reproduction, purchase, use, or sale of temporary tags. The bill exempts the governmental agency from payment of the \$5 registration fee for the tag.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3760 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute replaces a requirement for a federal, state, or local governmental agency exempt from the requirement to obtain a dealer general distinguishing number to issue to a person who buys a vehicle one temporary buyer's tag for the vehicle with an authorization for such an agency to issue the tag for a vehicle sold or otherwise disposed of by the agency under state law.

The substitute includes a provision subjecting such an agency that issues the tag to statutory provisions relating to the unauthorized reproduction, purchase, use, or sale of temporary tags applicable to a dealer.