BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In Texas, individuals are able to renew their vehicle registration online as early as 90 days before their registration expires or up to six months after their registration has expired. During a time when large gatherings of multiple people are not ideal, it has been suggested that alternative ways to renew vehicle registrations will help ensure the safety of Texans and will, in general, make renewal an easier process for more individuals. This bill seeks to address this issue by authorizing individuals otherwise eligible to renew a vehicle registration to renew their vehicle registrations online.

H.B. 2152 amends current law relating to the online renewal of vehicle registration.

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. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.0435, as follows:

Sec. 502.0435. ONLINE REGISTRATION RENEWAL. Authorizes a person, if the person is otherwise eligible to renew a vehicle registration under Chapter 502 (Registration of Vehicles), to renew the vehicle registration through an online registration system approved by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.