# **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2902 By: Gamez Transportation Committee Report (Unamended)

## BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Criminal groups have been reproducing, purchasing, using, and selling temporary tags unlawfully. Law-abiding constituents are being negatively affected by the prevalence of these illegal acts. H.B. 2902 seeks to combat the unlawful reproduction, purchase, use, and sale of temporary tags by requiring a dealer's, converter's, or buyer's temporary tag to include a prescribed statement warning that the such conduct is an offense.

### **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

H.B. 2902 amends the Transportation Code to require a dealer's, converter's, or buyer's temporary tag to include a prescribed statement warning that the unauthorized reproduction, purchase, use, or sale of the tag is an offense. The bill applies only to a temporary tag issued on or after the bill's effective date.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.

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