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TO: Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB842 by Patterson (Relating to prohibiting the extension of the period of a driver's license suspension for certain driving while license invalid convictions.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time due to a lack of reliable information to provide a reasonably sound basis for estimating the impact of the bill due to the number of driving while a license is invalid offenses committed before September 1, 2019 with a conviction date after August 31, 2023 being unknown.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to prohibit the Department of Public Safety (DPS) from extending the period of suspension of a person's driver's license due to a conviction for the offense of driving while a license is invalid if the offense was committed before September 1, 2019 with a conviction date after August 31, 2023.

The driver license re-instatement fee is \$100 and all fee revenue is deposited to Account No. 365, Texas Mobility Fund. DPS received fees from 55,175 driving while license is invalid convictions in total between January 2020 and December 2022.

According to DPS and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the provisions of the bill could result in a potential loss of re-instatement fee revenue but the number of driving while license is invalid offenses committed before September 1, 2019 with a conviction date after August 31, 2023 is unknown, therefore the fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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