

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 72
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 March 4, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
1-5 Nays 0; March 4, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the regulation of private passenger vehicle rental
1-22 companies.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Sections 91.001(6) and (7), Business & Commerce
1-25 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-26 (6) "Rental agreement" means an agreement for 180 [30]
1-27 days or less that states the terms governing the use of a private
1-28 passenger vehicle rented by a rental company.

1-29 (7) "Rental company" means a person in the business of
1-30 renting private passenger vehicles to the public for 180 [30] days
1-31 or less. The term does not include a person who holds a license
1-32 under Chapter 2301, Occupations Code, and whose primary business
1-33 activity is not renting private passenger vehicles.

1-34 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 91, Business & Commerce
1-35 Code, is amended by adding Section 91.057 to read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 91.057. REFUND OF DAMAGE WAIVER CHARGE. If a renter
1-37 returns a rented motor vehicle before the conclusion of the rental
1-38 term, the rental company shall issue a pro rata refund of the damage
1-39 waiver charge from the date the vehicle is returned.

1-40 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-41 a rental agreement entered into on or after the effective date of
1-42 this Act. A rental agreement entered into before the effective date
1-43 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the contract
1-44 was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-45 purpose.

1-46 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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