

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Meeting Dates: 4/8, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Department of Transportation to adopt rules specifying the circumstances for provision of a receipt of notification that an interest in a vehicle has been transferred.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Continuing liability for transferred vehicles
- Current system depends upon new vehicle owner registration to release previous owner from liability
- Information provided by Department of Transportation in response to inquiries regarding vehicle ownership

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces exemption from liability for transferor of motor vehicle with provisions for Department of Transportation to issue receipt upon notification.

BACKGROUND: Unless a new owner registers a transferred vehicle, the previous owner may still be liable for costs of towing and storage. By allowing the Department of Transportation to issue a receipt to the transferor, HB 3151-A provides the consumer with proof of the transfer and a potential defense against claims of liability.