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TO: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

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SUBJECT: SB 943

INTRODUCTION

DMV administers a program that allows certain public officials to use their work address on their DMV record. For those who work in a county that charges a vehicle registration fee, but live outside that county, current law does not allow them an exception to paying the fee. Senate Bill 943 would change that.

DISCUSSION

DMV administers the statutory program that allows law enforcement and many other public officials who come in routine contact with the public to use their work address in DMV records. DMV maintains only that work address and discards record of the home address.

A different law allows counties to assess a vehicle registration fee for those who live in that county in addition to the state's vehicle registration fee. Through an interagency agreement DMV collects the county's fee at the same time it collects the state fee. The county registration fee statute lists exemptions, which do not include those who utilize the work address program, work in the county that assesses the fee, but live in a different county. DMV's interagency agreement with the county also does not allow such an exemption.

Senate Bill 943 simply adds this situation to the statutory list of exemption from a county registration fee.

In addition to the main object of the bill, it includes clean-up language in the area of vehicle registrations.

SUMMARY

The bill adds a small exception to the county registration fee statute.