

1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 1451  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 19, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
 1-4 April 9, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 9, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the disputed payment by a credit card or debit card of a  
 1-20 vehicle registration fee.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 1-23 is amended by adding Section 502.1931 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 502.1931. DISPUTED PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT  
 1-25 CARD. (a) A county assessor-collector who receives from any

1-26 person a payment by credit card or debit card for a registration fee  
 1-27 for a registration year that has not ended that is returned unpaid  
 1-28 because the payment by the credit card or debit card has been  
 1-29 disputed by the credit card or debit card company shall certify the  
 1-30 fact to the sheriff or a constable or highway patrol officer in the  
 1-31 county after attempts to contact the person fail to result in the  
 1-32 collection of payment. The certification must be made before the  
 1-33 30th day after the date the assessor-collector is made aware that  
 1-34 the credit card or debit card payment has been disputed and:

1-35 (1) be under the assessor-collector's official seal;

1-36 (2) include the name and address of the person who  
 1-37 authorized the credit card or debit card payment;

1-38 (3) include the license plate number and make of the  
 1-39 vehicle;

1-40 (4) be accompanied by evidence from the credit card or  
 1-41 debit card company that the company has determined that it will not  
 1-42 make payment on the disputed credit card or debit card charge; and

1-43 (5) be accompanied by documentation of any attempt to  
 1-44 contact the person and collect payment.

1-45 (b) On receiving a complaint under Subsection (a) from the  
 1-46 county assessor-collector, the sheriff, constable, or highway  
 1-47 patrol officer shall find the person who authorized the credit card  
 1-48 or debit card payment, if the person is in the county, and demand  
 1-49 immediate redemption of payment from the person. If the person  
 1-50 fails or refuses to redeem the payment, the sheriff, constable, or  
 1-51 highway patrol officer shall:

1-52 (1) seize and remove the license plates and  
 1-53 registration insignia from the vehicle; and

1-54 (2) return the license plates and registration  
 1-55 insignia to the assessor-collector.

1-56 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-57 to a payment of a registration fee submitted to a county  
 1-58 assessor-collector on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
 1-59 payment submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed  
 1-60 by the law in effect on the date the payment was submitted, and the  
 1-61 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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