

HB 291 -- MOTOR VEHICLE WINDSHIELD STICKERS

SPONSOR: Denison

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill requires a window sticker to be placed on the inside front windshield of a motor vehicle to show the current registration instead of the current license plate tab. A tab, instead of a window sticker, will be issued for a motorcycle or trailer registration.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2012.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$669,843 to Unknown in FY 2012, \$1,069,562 to Unknown in FY 2013, and \$1,069,562 to Unknown in FY 2014. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of \$971,738 in FY 2012, \$1,943,477 in FY 2013, and \$1,943,477 in FY 2014.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will save the state money and time by eliminating the theft of license plate tabs because the window sticker will be placed inside the vehicle.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Denison; Captain Edward Kuntz, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and Greg Wilkinson, Independence Police Department.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the window sticker program has been cost effective and reduces thefts of license plate tabs.

Testifying on the bill were Mike Craig and Linda Kirksey, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.