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State Senator Tommy Williams Files Bill To Stop Fraudulent Vehicle Title Service Companies

SB 1035 would require statewide licensing to prevent fraud and unfair practices and ensure a sound system of distributing and selling motor vehicles.

Austin ~ Texas State Senator Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands) recently filed SB 1035 to prevent vehicle title service companies from engaging in fraudulent business practices throughout Texas.

"Business has been booming for some of these illegitimate title service companies," stated Sen. Williams. "Rogue companies were setting up sophisticated schemes to falsify vehicle titles to avoid paying the full amount of taxes, leaving unknowing vehicle owners with cloudy titles."

An eighth-month examination of title service company transactions in one Texas county revealed more than a quarter of a million dollars in lost state and county sales tax revenue from illegal vehicle titling and registration activities.

SB 1035 would require all motor vehicle title service companies and runner operations to be registered and licensed by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Counties would have the option to require a permit and fee to operate in their county. The legislation also establishes civil and criminal penalties for violations.

Senator Williams represents Senate District 4 covering all or portions of Jefferson, Orange, Chambers, Liberty, Harris and Montgomery Counties. Williams serves as Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and as a member of the Finance, State Affairs, International Relations & Trade Committees and the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting.

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