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Abstract: Increases fees and modifies contract requirements for contracts between the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, and public tag agents.

Present law authorizes certain individuals and entities to collect certain convenience fees for motor vehicle related services performed.

Proposed law clarifies that the individuals and entities collect certain convenience charges rather than convenience fees.

Present law authorizes public license tag agents to charge a convenience fee, not to exceed \$18, to provide information on the status of registration privileges and a fee, not to exceed \$18, per reinstatement, provided that the fees are disclosed immediately to the consumer prior to the initiation of the transaction and the fees are posted in a conspicuous manner in the office of the public license tag agent.

Proposed law retains present law and increases the specified maximum convenience charge from \$18 to \$28.

Present law authorizes the public license tag agents to collect a convenience fee in addition to the registration license tax not to exceed \$18 per license.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the charge from \$18 to \$28 and specifies that a public license tag agent is authorized to collect the convenience charge in addition to other authorized fees, sales taxes, and transactions.

Proposed law requires the office of motor vehicles furnish license renewal information to each contracted public license tag agent at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the contract. Requires the public license tag agent to complete and return the application and accompanying documents to the office of motor vehicles at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the contract. Requires the office of motor vehicles to return the new contract to the public license tag agent prior to the expiration of the contract.

Proposed law requires the office of motor vehicles send notice to the public license tag agent of intent to not renew a contract and cite causes as provided in present law at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the contract.

Proposed law provides for the automatic renewal of a contract for a two-year period, subject to payment of the renewal fee and the surety bond for the renewal period if the office of motor vehicles fails to comply with proposed law.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to promulgate rules and regulations adjusting the La. Administrative Code to appropriately conform with the provisions of this Act.

(Amends R.S. 6:969.18(A)(3), R.S. 9:3530(F)(1) and (2), and R.S. 47:532.1(A)(7)(c), (C), (D), and (E))