DIGEST

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HB 603 Engrossed

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Abstract: Increases charges collected by public license tag agents.

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

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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and increases the specified maximum convenience charge <u>from</u> \$18 to \$24 for the provision of information on the status of registration privileges and reinstatement.

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

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> by increasing the charge <u>from</u> \$18 <u>to</u> \$24 for all vehicles except that the charge for motor carriers will not exceed \$18 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, 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), and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and

Public Works to the original bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Decrease the convenience charge <u>from</u> \$28 <u>to</u> \$24 for the provision of information on the status of registration privileges and reinstatement.
- 3. Specify that the convenience charge for motor carriers must not exceed \$18.
- 4. Remove all provisions relative to contracts between the office of motor vehicles and public license tag agents.