

HB 1999 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that an owner who has made a bona fide sale or transfer of a vehicle, has delivered possession of it to a purchaser, and has fulfilled the requirements of this act is relieved of liability and liability is transferred to the purchaser of the vehicle, for any traffic violation under this title, whether designated as a traffic infraction or classified as a criminal offense, that occurs after the date of the sale or transfer that is based on the vehicle's identification, including, but not limited to, parking infractions, high-occupancy toll lane violations, and violations recorded by automated traffic safety cameras.

Provides that, in the event a traffic infraction is based on a vehicle's identification, and the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car business, the law enforcement agency shall, before a notice of infraction may be issued, provide a written notice to the rental car business that a notice of infraction may be issued to the rental car business if the rental car business does not, within thirty days of receiving the written notice, provide to the issuing agency by return mail: (1) A statement under oath stating the name and known mailing address of the individual driving or renting the vehicle when the infraction occurred; or

(2) A statement under oath that the business is unable to determine who was driving or renting the vehicle at the time the infraction occurred.

Declares that timely mailing of this statement to the issuing law enforcement agency relieves a rental car business of any liability under this act for the notice of infraction. In lieu of identifying the vehicle operator, the rental car business may pay the applicable penalty.