

- SUBJECT:** Amending definition of lessor for motor vehicles leases
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 5 ayes — Kuempel, Guillen, Goldman, Hernandez, Herrero  
0 nays  
4 absent — Frullo, Geren, Paddie, S. Thompson
- WITNESSES:** For — David Blassingame, National Vehicle Leasing Association  
  
Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Adam Cahn, Cahnman's Musings)  
  
On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Bill Harbeson, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles)
- BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code, sec. 2301.002 defines a vehicle lessor as a person who, under a lease, transfers to another person the right to possession and use of a motor vehicle titled in the name of the lessor. Concerns have been raised that the definition of lessor under Texas law may be inconsistent with federal law. Texas law requires a motor vehicle lessor to hold the title of the vehicle. Some have called for Texas law to be made consistent with federal law.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 3163 would redefine vehicle lessor to mean a person who leases or offers to lease a motor vehicle to another person under a lease agreement. The bill would allow a licensed vehicle lease facilitator to sign a vehicle lease agreement as a vehicle lessor before the vehicle lease was transferred to its lessor.  
  
The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.