HB 1521 -- WRITTEN CONSENT TO SEARCH VEHICLES

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The bill requires every peace officer to obtain written consent prior to searching a vehicle. The form to be signed by the authorized individual must include certain information set out in the bill.

The provisions of this bill do not apply when the search of the vehicle is based on probable cause, a search incident to or subsequent to an unlawful arrest, or a search for which there is a legal basis other than consent.

This bill is similar to HB 973 (2015).