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**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Rep. Ragsdale

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE APPEARANCE OF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE'S OWNER IN A COURT HEARING CONCERNING A PERMIT OR DOCUMENTATION VIOLATION.

### Summary of Assessment

This bill amends statutory provisions regarding the violation of commercial vehicle permitting or documentation. Under current law, a person committing a violation of Title 42, Vehicles and Traffic, Colorado Revised Statutes, punishable as a misdemeanor, petty offense, or misdemeanor traffic offense, may be served a summons and complaint and directed to appear in a specified county court. This person has generally been the commercial vehicle *operator*. The bill specifically declares the *owner* of a commercial vehicle to be a party in interest to a court hearing if the owner authorized the commercial vehicle to be operated without complying with applicable permitting or documentation requirements. Additionally, it specifies that the owner's appearance in court, without the vehicle operator, satisfies a promise to appear in court pursuant to Section 42-4-1707 (1) (a), C.R.S. The bill also clarifies that the commercial owner's appearance in court concerning the matter does not constitute practicing law.

The bill is not expected to impact the frequency of any violations, or the length of time required to conduct a court hearing. As such, the bill does not affect state or local revenues or expenditures, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The bill will become effective July 1, 2006.

### Departments Contacted

Judicial

Local Affairs

Public Safety

Revenue

Transportation