

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1422  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

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### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Department of public Safety in (SECTION 1, Subchapter E, Chapter 548, Section 548.257(b) of the Transportation Code) of this bill.

### **ANALYSIS**

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