

BILL ANALYSIS

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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, a junked vehicle is a public nuisance punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200. Because of the minimal consequences, many unsightly vehicles fitting this description are left in parking lots and neighborhood streets. This bill would raise the penalty for a junked vehicle offense to a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine by a fine not to exceed \$500.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

This bill amends Section 683.073 (b) of Transportation Code, increasing the criminal penalty for a junked vehicle offense to a Class C misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005.