

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law establishes the minimum requirements for law enforcement agencies to create a program to certify police officers to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards. However, smaller municipalities are unable to utilize this program unless the municipality is located in a county with at least 2.4 million in population and is adjacent to an international port.

H.B. 1638 authorizes a municipality meeting certain criteria to train police officers to become certified by the Department of Public Safety to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 644.101(b), Transportation Code, to authorize a police officer in a municipality with a population of less than 5,000 that is located adjacent to a bay connected to the Gulf of Mexico and in a county adjacent to a county with a population greater than 3.3 million people, to apply for certification under this section (Certification of Certain Police Officers) for the enforcement of Chapter 644 (Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Standards).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007