

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3682
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Existing statute within Article 45.0511, Code of Criminal Procedure, allows for a member of the United States military forces serving on active duty to take an approved driving safety course to defer imposition of a judgment for a traffic offense. However, this article does not include the member's spouse or their dependent child.

C.S.H.B. 3682 adds the spouse or dependent child of a member of the United States military forces serving on active duty as eligible for completing an approved driving safety course to defer imposition of judgment for a traffic offense.

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

Committee Substitute to House Bill 3682 amends Subsections (b) and (c) of Article 45.0511, Code of Criminal Procedure, to allow spouses and dependant children of members of the United States military forces serving on active duty to take an approved driving safety course in order to defer imposition of a judgment for certain traffic offenses.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The introduced version of the bill was an outdated draft which contained an effective date of September 1, 2006. The substitute corrects that error and has an effective date of September 1, 2007.