

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1390
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Defense Affairs & State-Federal Relations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, many car rental agencies will not rent to persons under a certain age.

SB 1390 requires all rental car companies to lease to military personnel regardless of age. The bill also establishes a civil penalty for violation of this provision.

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

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 35, Business & Commerce Code, by adding Section 35.64, as follows:

Sec. 35.64. RENTAL OF VEHICLE TO MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES. (a) Defines "vehicle rental company."

(b) Prohibits a vehicle rental company from refusing to rent a private passenger vehicle to a person because of the person's age if the person presents a valid military identification card indicating that the person is a member of the United States armed forces or a member of the Texas state military forces as defined by Section 431.001, Government Code.

(c) Provides that a vehicle rental company that violates this section is liable to the state for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation. Authorizes the attorney general or the prosecuting attorney in the county in which a violation occurs to bring suit to recover the civil penalty imposed under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.

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