

**BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 2812  
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Homeland Security & Public Safety  
Committee Report (Substituted)

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that it is imperative for the public to be able to differentiate between law enforcement vehicles and vehicles used by other security personnel. C.S.H.B. 2812 seeks to ensure the public can make such a differentiation by restricting the lights with which a security patrol vehicle may be equipped.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

**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**

C.S.H.B. 2812 amends the Transportation Code to restrict the lights with which a security patrol vehicle may be equipped to green, amber, or white lights. The bill establishes that, for purposes of restrictions on the use of lights on a motor vehicle, a motor vehicle is equipped with a lamp or illuminating device regardless of whether the lamp or device is activated or attached to the motor vehicle temporarily or permanently.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2018.

**COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.H.B. 2812 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED	HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SECTION 1. Section 547.305, Transportation Code, is amended.	SECTION 1. Same as introduced version.
SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.	SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2018.