

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.H.B. 511  
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Transportation  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

It has been suggested that the increased focus of law enforcement on border safety initiatives hinders some police departments from enforcing commercial motor vehicle safety standards, which complicates local government efforts to maintain roadways. H.B. 511 seeks to address this issue by making a sheriff or a deputy sheriff of a county with a population of 400,000 or more that borders the county in which the State Capitol is located eligible to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards. (Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.H.B. 511 amends current law relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.

### **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(c), Transportation Code, as follows:

(c) Provides that a sheriff or a deputy sheriff of any of the following counties is eligible to apply for certification under this section (Certification of Certain Peace Officers):

- (1) a county bordering the United Mexican States;
- (2) a county with a population of 700,000 or more; or
- (3) a county with a population of 400,000 or more that borders the county in which the State Capitol is located.

Deletes existing text providing that a sheriff or a deputy sheriff of a county bordering the United Mexican States or of a county with a population of 700,000 or more is eligible to apply for certification under this section.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 644.102, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (h), as follows:

(h) Authorizes the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) to revoke or rescind the authority of a municipality or county to engage in enforcement under this chapter (Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Standards) if the municipality or county fails to comply with this section (Municipal and County Enforcement Requirements) or any standard established under Subsection (a) (relating to DPS by rule establishing uniform standards for municipal or county enforcement of this chapter).

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.