BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, Sections 643.253(b) and (e), Transportation Code, have enhanced penalties for multiple violations by household goods movers. While there are penalties and the possibility for losing their registration if convicted, this information is not shared with the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS).

H.B. 1505 would require a court to notify DPS of a conviction under the Household Goods Mover statute and the conviction must be recorded in the driving record maintained by DPS.

H.B. 1505 amends current law relating to the recording of a criminal offense of transporting household goods without registration in a driving record.

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 643.253, Transportation Code, by adding Subsections (g) and (h), as follows:

- (g) Requires the convicting court, as soon as practicable after the date a person is convicted of an offense under Subsection (b) (relating to a person committing an offense if the person engages in or solicits the transportation of household goods for compensation), to notify the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) of the conviction. Requires the notice to be in a form prescribed by DPS and to contain the person's driver's license number.
- (h) Requires a conviction under Subsection (b) to be recorded in the person's driving record maintained by DPS.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.