

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 2222
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Across the United States there has been an increase in officers killed in the line of duty, as well as those injured on the job. In Texas, there have been several cases of officers being ambushed in their patrol vehicles.

S.B. 2222 directs that bullet-resistant windshields be provided for all Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas patrol vehicles.

(Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 2222 amends current law relating to certain equipment provided for use by the officers of the Texas Highway Patrol.

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 Subchapter C, Chapter 411, Government Code, by adding Section 411.033, as follows:

Sec. 411.033. CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR VEHICLES. Requires the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) to equip all motor vehicles used by officers of the Texas Highway Patrol in discharging the officers' official duties with bullet-resistant windshields.

SECTION 2. Provides that DPS is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. Authorizes, but does not require, DPS, if the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, to implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.