

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 540
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current Transportation Code limits the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety to police officers within municipalities that have a population of 50,000 or more, a county with a population of 500,000 or more, that contains an international port, municipalities within counties that border Mexico, along with various carve outs. These limits on commercial motor vehicle enforcement have left certain communities with a public safety issue. Commercial motor vehicles, some of which violate code, are able to drive through certain communities while law enforcement does not have the ability to enforce commercial motor vehicle laws. Overloaded and unsafe commercial motor vehicles should not be allowed to continue through these communities unchecked.

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

S.B. 540 amends current law relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain municipalities.

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(b), Transportation Code, as follows:

(b) Provides that a police officer of any of the following municipalities is eligible to apply for certification under Section 644.101 (Certification of Certain Peace Officers):

(1)-(13) makes no changes to these subdivisions;

(14)-(15) makes nonsubstantive changes to these subdivisions; or

(16) a municipality that is located within 20 miles of an international airport and in a county that contains an active quarry, has a population of more than 150,000 but less than 170,000, and is adjacent to a county with a population of more than two million.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.