

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2774
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerned observers note the high incidence of motor vehicle accidents due to tire blowouts, tire thread separations, and bald tires. H.B. 2774 seeks to prevent these tire-related accidents by creating an offense for the installation of tires that are considered to be unsafe or in violation of applicable safety standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill expressly does one or more of the following: creates a criminal offense, increases the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or changes 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

H.B. 2774 amends the Transportation Code to create a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 for a person who installs a tire on a motor vehicle to be used on a public street or highway, the tire is or will be subject to inspection under state law, and the tire has certain specified conditions or does not otherwise meet applicable safety standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.