

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The 74th Legislature passed legislation which dealt with the regulation of motor carriers. Article 6675s, V.T.C.S., provides annual registration requirements, liability and cargo insurance requirements and consumer protection requirements for motor carriers transporting household goods for commercial hire. This bill registers all household goods movers regardless of size and gross vehicle weight of the equipment.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1418 sets forth provisions regarding the regulations of motor carriers of household goods.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Department of Transportation in SECTION 1 and 2 (Section 3(e) and 8(f), Article 6675c, V.T.C.S.) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 3(a) and (e), Article 6675c, V.T.C.S., to prohibit a motor carrier from operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined by Section 548.001, Transportation Code, any vehicle transporting household goods for compensation, or certain other vehicles on a road or highway of this state unless certain conditions are met. Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to adopt simplified procedures for the registration of motor carriers transporting household goods or agents for carriers required to register under this article.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 8(c) and (f), Article 6675, V.T.C.S., to delete provisions regarding carriers transporting household goods. Requires TxDOT rules to include but are not limited to measures to require a motor carrier transporting household goods to list certain information in any print advertising published in this state. Requires TxDOT to appoint a rules advisory committee. Sets forth the composition and duties of the committee. Authorizes TxDOT to adopt rules to govern the operations of the advisory committee. Deletes provisions regarding collective ratemaking agreements.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 1(1), Article 6675d, V.T.C.S. to redefine "commercial motor vehicle."

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.