

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2382
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Committee Report (Amended)

DIGEST

Currently, a towable recreational vehicle is not defined as a "motor vehicle" under the Texas Motor Vehicle Commission Code. Purchasers of towable recreational vehicles are not granted the same protection under the law as purchasers of other new motor vehicles. H.B. 2382 adds "towable recreational vehicle" to the Motor Vehicle Commission Code, and gives purchasers of towable recreational vehicles protection under the law equal to that of the purchasers of other new vehicles in Texas.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2382 adds "towable recreational vehicle" to the Motor Vehicle Commission Code, and gives purchasers of towable recreational vehicles protection under the law equal to that of the purchasers of other new vehicles in Texas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Motor Vehicle Commission in SECTION 2 (Section 4.02, Article 4413(36), V.T.C.S.) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1.03, Article 4413(36), V.T.C.S., by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (28), to redefine "motor vehicle" and define "towable recreational vehicle."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 4.02(c)(2), Article 4413(36), V.T.C.S., to provide that this subsection does not prohibit the sale of a towable recreational vehicle at a show or exhibition if the show or exhibition that is approved by the Texas Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) does not otherwise violate a provision of the law. This section provides that, should the commission adopt a rule regulating off-site display or sale of towable recreational vehicles at private events in trade areas, the commission shall authorize the display and sale of towable recreational vehicles at private events in trade areas where application of requirements preclude such an organized show or exhibition.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amendment 1.

Page 2, line 2, inserts "as its primary purpose" between "habitation" and "for."