

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 970
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides a municipality with the ability to establish a non-radioactive hazardous material route. However, no statute exists mandating a municipality to create a non-radioactive hazardous material route. This bill requires a municipality with a population of more than 750,000 to develop a route, to be approved by the Texas Department of Transportation, for commercial motor vehicles carrying hazardous material in the municipality.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 970 requires a municipality with a population of more than 750,000 to develop a route, to be approved by the Texas Department of Transportation, for commercial motor vehicles carrying hazardous material in the municipality.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 7, Article 6675d, V.T.C.S., by adding Subsection (f), to require a municipality with a population of more than 750,000 to develop a route for commercial motor vehicles carrying hazardous materials on a road or highway in the municipality. Requires the municipality to submit the route to the Texas Department of Transportation (department) for approval. Requires the department to approve the route and notify the municipality of the approved route, if the department determines that the route complies with all applicable federal and state regulations regarding the transportation of hazardous materials.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Requires the Department of Transportation, rather than the Department of Public Safety, to approve of routes for commercial vehicles carrying hazardous materials.