

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, under Texas law, it is a Class B misdemeanor to knowingly provide false information on an application for a driver's license or personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This same offense is a Class A misdemeanor under Section 37.10, Penal Code. This bill would amend the Transportation Code to make the penalty for knowingly providing false information on an application for a driver's license or DPS-issued personal identification card a Class A misdemeanor.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 318 amends the Transportation Code to make the penalty for knowingly providing false information on an application for a driver's license or DPS-issued personal identification card a Class A misdemeanor.

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 521.454(c), Transportation Code, to reclassify the offense under this section from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor. Deletes text providing for an exception creating a Class B misdemeanor under certain conditions.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.