

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, individuals engaged in postal services duties and newspaper delivery services are provided with a defense to prosecution for failing to wear a safety belt. H.B. 856 also exempts a utility company employee engaged in certain duties from being subject to the safety belt law.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 856 exempts a utility company employee engaged in certain duties from being subject to the safety belt law.

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 545.413(e), Transportation Code, to provide that it is a defense to prosecution that the person is a public or private utility company employee engaged in a duty requiring frequent exit and entry of a vehicle.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.