

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, overweight truck operators who disregard vehicle loading laws cost the state of Texas millions of dollars per year in road damage and safety-related issues. Higher fines for offenses could deter repeat offenders. S.B. 1371 increases criminal penalties for violating certain vehicle weight limitations, and creates provisions for the fine's deposit.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1371 increases criminal penalties for violating certain vehicle weight limitations, and creates provisions for the fine's deposit.

### **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 Sections 621.506(b) and (g), Transportation Code, to increase fine amounts, which are punishments for offenses under this Section. Creates an exception from the requirement that 50 percent of a fine must be sent to the comptroller, regarding the distance an offense occurred in relation to an international border.

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

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.