

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas law requires all children between the ages of four and 15 to wear a seatbelt while riding in a car or light truck. As proposed, S.B. 113 increases the age from 15 to 17, regarding the requirement for passengers anywhere in the vehicle to wear a safety belt.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 545.412(a) and (f), Transportation Code, by providing that a person commits an offense if the person operates a passenger vehicle, rather than a car or light truck, and transports a child younger than four years of age under certain conditions. Defines "passenger vehicle," "safety belt," and "secured." Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 545.413(a)-(c), and (h), Transportation Code, by providing that a person commits an offense if the person allows a child who is at least four years of age but younger than 17, rather than 15, years of age to ride in the vehicle without requiring the child to be secured in a safety belt, providing that the occupied seat is equipped with a safety belt. Deletes the definition of "passenger car" and "safety belt." Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.