

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

State employees who work state or federal holidays are entitled to compensatory time off during the 12 months after the holiday, but not if the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday. In 2001, the 77th Texas Legislature authorized Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers, who often must work holidays, to receive one hour of compensatory time for each hour worked on a state or federal holiday if the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday. However, DPS employees who perform communications or dispatch services related to traffic law enforcement are not eligible to receive the same compensatory time off. H.B. 769 entitles a state employee who is employed by DPS to perform communications or dispatch services related to traffic law enforcement to receive one hour of compensatory time for each hour worked on a state or federal holiday if the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

### **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 662.005(b), Government Code, to provide that except as provided by Section 662.010, and notwithstanding Section 659.015 or another law, a state employee who is a peace officer commissioned by the Department of Safety (DPS) or who is employed by DPS to perform communications or dispatch services related to traffic law enforcement and who is required to work on a national or state holiday that falls on a Saturday or Sunday is entitled to compensatory time off at the rate of one hour for each hour worked on the holiday.

SECTION 2. Effective date September 1, 2003.