

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, an insurance company notifies the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), which then informs the Department of Public Safety (DPS), when an insurance policy on a commercial motor carrier is going to be cancelled. DPS does not verify that the company is not operating; consequently, some commercial vehicles are operating in this state without liability coverage. As proposed, S.B. 1063 requires confirmation that all commercial motor carriers whose insurance has been cancelled are not operating, and provides for impounding a carrier's vehicles if the carrier is still operating.

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 643.104, Transportation Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c) and (d), as follows:

(b) Includes other law enforcement agencies with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) must notify of each motor carrier whose certificate of registration has been revoked for failing to maintain liability insurance coverage. Deletes text referring to a notice filed under Subsection (a).

(c) Requires DPS or a local law enforcement agency to confirm that a motor carrier is not operating if notice of revocation of that carrier's registration certificate has been received under Subsection (b).

(d) Requires a law enforcement officer to detain or impound any commercial vehicle operating without liability insurance until such coverage is properly filed with TxDOT.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.