

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Increased energy sector activity in the Eagle Ford Shale has led to a dramatic rise in commercial truck traffic in and around the region. Particularly in areas closest to the Port of Corpus Christi and major highways, state and county law enforcement entities struggle to enforce adequately weight limits and other safety standards for commercial vehicles. The prevalence of illegal overweight and oversized trucks has resulted in an increase in accidents and traffic fatalities. H.B. 716 seeks to increase roadway safety in an area of the state that has experienced a dramatic increase in commercial truck traffic and related accidents by authorizing police officers in certain municipalities to become certified to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

H.B. 716 amends current law relating to the certification of certain peace officers to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

### **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 644.101(b), Transportation Code, to provide that a police officer of certain municipalities, including a municipality located in a county with a population between 60,000 and 66,000 adjacent to a bay connected to the Gulf of Mexico, is eligible to apply for certification under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.