

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Population and industrial-sector growth in Ellis County has led to an increase in commercial motor vehicle traffic on roadways in the county and, therefore, an increased need for enforcing commercial motor vehicle safety standards. Interested parties argue that increasing the number of properly trained law enforcement officers who are able to enforce these standards in Ellis County will result in safer roadways for all traffic. H.B. 2749 seeks to address this issue by making a sheriff or deputy sheriff of the county eligible to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

H.B. 2749 amends current law relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.

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. Reenacts Section 644.101(c), Transportation Code, as amended by Chapters 169 (H.B. 917) and 478 (H.B. 511), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, and amends it, as follows:

(c) Provides that a sheriff or a deputy sheriff of certain counties, including a county with a population of less than 250,000 that is adjacent to two counties that each have a population of more than 1.2 million and contains two highways that are part of the national system of interstate and defense highways is eligible to apply for certification under Section 644.101 (Certification of Certain Peace Officers). Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.