

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has increased the amount of information it releases on a driver's motor vehicle report. This information includes weight tickets and minor equipment violations for truck drivers and their commercial vehicles. There are concerns that the release of this additional information has increased the cost of driver's personal automobile insurance coverage. This bill provides that only convictions for motor vehicle moving violations, as determined by DPS, will be reported on a driver's record.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1268 provides that only convictions for motor vehicle moving violations, as determined by the Department of Public Safety, will be reported on a driver's record.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.046(a), Transportation Code, to authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to disclose information regarding each reported motor vehicle moving violation as defined by DPS rule, resulting in a traffic law conviction and each motor vehicle accident in which the individual received a citation, by date and location, within three years preceding the date of the request to certain persons.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.