

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1312
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the current limitation on the allowable number of limited emissions inspections conducted by certain vehicle inspection stations is too restrictive. H.B. 1312 seeks to address this issue by removing the limitation on the number of limited emissions inspections that may be conducted by certain inspection stations.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1312 amends the Transportation Code to replace the prohibition against a Department of Public Safety (DPS) rule that allows a qualified inspection station to perform a limited emissions inspection of a motor vehicle restricting the station to fewer than 150 inspections per month with a prohibition against a DPS rule that allows an inspection station to perform such a limited emissions inspection restricting the number of such inspections conducted by the station.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.