

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 946
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that a broader range of trailer sizes should be exempt from certain vehicle inspection requirements. H.B. 946 seeks to address this issue by revising the gross weight of a trailer that qualifies for the exemption.

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. 946 amends the Transportation Code to change from 4,500 pounds or less to 7,500 pounds or less the actual gross weight or registered gross weight of a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile home that qualifies such a vehicle for the exemption from statutory provisions relating to the compulsory inspection of vehicles.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.