

SUBJECT: Parking commercial motor vehicle overnight in Harris County subdivisions

COMMITTEE: Transportation — favorable, with amendments

VOTE: 5 ayes — Alexander, Bosse, Alonzo, Clemons, Siebert
0 nays
4 absent — Edwards, Moreno, Price, Uher

WITNESSES: For — Judge Sandy Prindle, Justice of the Peace Association; Robert Soard and Hector Barkley, Sterling Green Community Improvement Association.
Against — None

DIGEST: HB 277 would amend the traffic laws to prohibit a person from parking a commercial motor vehicle overnight in certain residential subdivisions in Harris County from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., unless the vehicle was parked to perform work or to transport persons or property to or from the residential subdivision.

The bill would require Harris County or a municipality in Harris County to post signs, stating that parking overnight is prohibited in that residential subdivision, at each entrance of the subdivision through which a commercial motor vehicle may enter if at least 25 percent of the owners or tenants of residences in the subdivision request.

Harris County could require the residents of the subdivision to pay the cost of providing the signs. A municipality could also regulate the parking of commercial motor vehicles.

Commercial motor vehicle would mean a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle has a gross weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds; is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or is transporting hazardous materials.

Residential subdivision would mean a subdivision for which a plat is recorded in the county real property records; and in which the majority of lots are subject to deed restrictions limiting the lots to residential use.

HB 277 would take effect September 1, 1995.