

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, motorcycles that were built after the late 1970s may have automatic headlights that turn on when the motorcycle is started. In many instances, accidents involving motorcycles occur because the driver of the car did not see the motorcycle. This bill requires at least one headlamp to be used while a motorcycle is being operated.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2522 sets forth a provision regarding the operation of a motorcycles on a public street or highway.

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 547.801, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (d), to prohibit a motorcycle from being operated at any time unless at least one headlamp on the motorcycle is illuminated.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.