

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, burglary of a rail car is a Class A misdemeanor. Prior to the revision of the Penal Code, burglary of a rail car was a felony offense. This bill would make the offense of burglary of a rail car a state jail felony.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2897 makes the offense of burglary of a rail car a state jail felony.

### **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 30.04(c), Penal Code, to provide that an offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor unless the vehicle or part of a vehicle broken into or entered is a rail car, in which event the offense is a state jail felony.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.