

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, railroads use contract carriers to move their employees from the site of a crew change to the employees' home terminal. Often the same drivers for the contract carriers make several of these trips in a day causing fatigue for the drivers. There are concerns that these practices create a hazardous situation for the drivers, the passengers, and the general public travelling the highways. This bill requires the Department of Public Safety to adopt safety rules for the operation of certain contract carriers

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3252 establishes regulations for certain contract carriers.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Department of Public Safety in SECTION 1 (Sec. 3A, Article 6675d, V.T.C.S.) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 6675d, V.T.C.S., by adding Section 3A, as follows:

Sec. 3A. REGULATION OF CONTRACT CARRIERS OF CERTAIN PASSENGERS. Provides that this section applies only to a contract carrier transporting the operating employees of a railroad on a road or highway of this state in a vehicle designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers. Requires the Department of Public Safety to adopt rules regulating the operation of a contract carrier to which this section applies. Requires the rules to include certain provisions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.