

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 521
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DIGEST

Currently, Section 30.04, Penal Code, provides that burglary of a vehicle is a Class A misdemeanor. H.B. 521 would enhance the punishment to a state jail felony if at the trial it is determined that the defendant has been previously convicted of burglary of a vehicle.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 521 outlines provisions regarding punishment for the offense of burglary of a vehicle.

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 it is shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense under this section, 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.