

BILL ANALYSIS

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Committee Report (Amended)

DIGEST

Currently, transporting a forklift by attaching it to the rear of a semi-trailer would constitute a violation of Section 621C, Transportation Code. Although this is a safe way to transport a forklift, it is still a violation of the law. S.B. 977 authorizes a trailer to carry a load that extends more than four feet beyond the rear of the trailer if the load consists of a motor vehicle that meets certain provisions.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 977 authorizes a trailer to carry a load that extends more than four feet beyond the rear of the trailer if the load consists of a motor vehicle that meets certain provisions.

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 Chapter 621C, Transportation Code, by adding Section 621.2061, as follows:

Sec. 621.2061. EXCEPTION TO MAXIMUM EXTENDED LENGTH OF LOAD: CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES. Authorizes a trailer to carry a load that extends more than four feet beyond the rear of the trailer if the load consists of a motor vehicle that meets certain provisions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amendment 1.

In SECTION 1 of this bill, proposed Section 621.2061(4), Transportation Code, after the word "regulation" (page 1, line 18, introduced version) strike "in 49 C.F.R. 393.86."