

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

According to the Texas Department of Transportation officials, one legally-loaded 80,000-pound truck causes road damage equivalent to 9,600 cars. Overweight trucks cause even greater damage. The overweight truck problem is particularly acute on highways, bridges and city streets in communities on the Texas-Mexico border, which handles 85 percent of all U.S.-Mexico traffic. H.B. 3467 sets forth the disposition of the proceeds of fines for overweight vehicles.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3467 sets forth the disposition of the proceeds of fines for overweight vehicles.

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 621.506(g), Transportation Code, to require a governmental entity that collects a fine for an offense involving a vehicle having a gross weight more than 5,000 pounds heavier than the vehicle's allowable weight to send 50 percent of the fine to the comptroller, unless the offense occurred within 20 miles of an international border in which event the entire amount of the fine shall be deposited in the in the municipal treasury, if the fine was imposed by a municipal court; or the county treasury, if the fine was imposed by a justice court.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.