

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law prohibits a regional transportation authority (authority) under the alternative fuel program (program) from purchasing or leasing certain motor vehicles that are not capable of using alternative fuel, except when the authority certifies certain facts relating to the inability of the authority to comply with the program. However, the authority is not required to submit this certification for approval to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) which administers and enforces the program. H.B. 3205 provides that an authority must submit a certification of facts and supporting evidence to TNRCC to have the authority to make exceptions to requirements of the alternative fuel use program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, agency, or institution.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 452.252, Transportation Code, as follows: Provides that as a condition of the authority of a regional transportation authority (authority) to make exceptions to requirements of the alternative fuel use program, the authority must submit a certification of facts and supporting evidence to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). The bill requires TNRCC to comment on the certification and evidence submitted by the board of the authority and to make the comments, certification, and supporting evidence available to the public at any reasonable time.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.