

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the operator of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is only allowed to travel on a public street, road, or highway that is not an interstate or limited-access highway if the transportation is associated with agricultural work. Therefore, current law greatly limits the events at which ATVs can be used. The increased mobility and surveillance ability that an ATV offers could better equip law enforcement officers to handle crowd control, sporting events, and other events that require an increased coverage area. H.B. 900 allows an on-duty peace officer to operate an all-terrain vehicle on a public street, road, or highway that is not an interstate or limited-access highway.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 663.037, Transportation Code, by amending Subsections (e) and (f) and adding Subsection (g), as follows:

(e) and (f) Make conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

(g) Authorizes a peace officer to operate an all-terrain vehicle on a public street, road, or highway that is not an interstate or limited-access highway only if certain conditions apply.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.