

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, the definition of an "automotive wrecking and salvage yard" (yard) in part includes an outdoor place where a person stores three or more wrecked vehicles for the purpose of dismantling or wrecking the vehicles to remove parts for sale. However, many of the vehicles that are dismantled and salvaged are not damaged from being in an accident, and thus do not qualify as being "wrecked." Resultantly, the rules and procedures governing yards are difficult to enforce. Eliminating the word "wrecked" from that definition may ensure that any site that dismantles three or more vehicles per year is treated as a yard and is governed by the appropriate laws to ensure safeguards over vehicle title processing and environmental issues.

H.B. 2163 deletes the term "wrecked" from the definition of an automotive wrecking and salvage yard.

### **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 396.001(1), Transportation Code, to redefine "automotive wrecking and salvage yard."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.