

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 2774  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Concerned observers note the high incidence of motor vehicle accidents due to tire blowouts, tire thread separations, and bald tires. H.B. 2774 seeks to prevent these tire-related accidents by creating an offense for the installation of tires that are considered to be unsafe or in violation of applicable safety standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety.

H.B. 2774 amends current law relating to the installation of unsafe motor vehicle tires and creates a criminal offense.

### **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 Chapter 727, Transportation Code, by adding Section 727.005, as follows:

Sec. 727.005. INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE TIRES; OFFENSE. (a) Provides that a person commits an offense if the person owns or operates a business that installs tires on motor vehicles, the person or an employee of the person installs a tire on a motor vehicle to be used on a public street or highway, the tire is or will be subject to inspection under Section 548.051 (Vehicles and Equipment Subject to Inspection), and the person knows that the tire meets certain conditions.

(b) Provides that an offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.