

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3654
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Transportation
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that state law governing vehicle equipment in relation to the rules of the road applies to road machinery, but that this type of apparatus is not clearly defined.

H.B. 3654 eliminates opportunities for the misapplication of this law by providing a definition for road machinery.

H.B. 3654 amends the Transportation Code to define "road machinery," for purposes of statutory provisions governing vehicle equipment, as a self-propelled vehicle that was originally and permanently designed as machinery, is not designed or used primarily to transport persons or property, and is only incidentally operated on a highway. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

H.B. 3654 amends current law relating to the definition of road machinery for purposes of certain provisions governing vehicle equipment.

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 547.001, Transportation Code, by adding Subdivision (5-a), to define "road machinery" to mean a self-propelled vehicle that was originally and permanently designed as machinery, is not designed or used primarily to transport persons or property, and is only incidentally operated on the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.