

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,166 persons died in distracted driving-related incidents in 2017. What's more, the Texas Department of Transportation estimates at least one in five vehicle accidents in Texas involves distracted driving. Current law requires the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to provide applicants for a driver's license under 18 years of age with information regarding state laws relating to driving while intoxicated, driving by a minor with alcohol in his or her system, and implied consent. H.B. 87 would add distracted driving to this list, informing new drivers of the legal ramifications of this behavior.

H.B. 87 amends current law relating to information provided to minors during the driver's license application process.

### **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 521.145(b), Transportation Code, as follows:

(b) Requires the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to provide the applicant and the cosigner with information concerning state laws relating to certain laws, including distracted driving. Requires the applicant and cosigner to acknowledge receipt of this information.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.