

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties contend that some smaller cities in Texas face a constant threat of danger and disruption posed by commercial motor vehicles that exceed vehicle weight and size restrictions, especially cities close to the Louisiana Border. S.B. 356 addresses this issue by including police officers from these cities among the police officers eligible to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

S.B. 356 amends the Transportation Code to include among the peace officers eligible to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards a police officer of a municipality with a population between 14,000 and 17,000 that contains three or more numbered United States highways and is located in a county that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 200,000.

As proposed, S.B. 356 amends current law relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain municipalities.

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. Reenacts Section 644.101(b), Transportation Code, as amended by Chapters 138 (H.B. 1355), 142 (H.B. 1570), and 324 (S.B. 1488), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, and amends it as follows:

(b) Provides that a police officer of any of the following municipalities is eligible to apply for certification under this section:

(1)–(9) Makes no changes to these subdivisions;

(10)–(11) Makes nonsubstantive changes;

(12) Creates this subdivision from existing Subdivision (11) and makes a nonsubstantive change; or

(13) a municipality with a population between 14,000 and 17,000 that contains three or more numbered United States highways and is located in a county that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 200,000.

SECTION 2. Provides that, to the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.