BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

A constituent with a fleet of vehicles across the state has expressed concern regarding the difficulties of trying to manage a large number of commercial vehicles that total fewer than 25. He was told by a local Department of Public Safety office that, to be considered a fleet for vehicle registration purposes, he had to have at least 25 vehicles. The constituent has been unable to align all of the registration renewals to occur at the same time so he has to keep up with over 15 vehicles needing to be renewed at different times located throughout the state. H.B. 433 seeks to address this issue and increase efficiency and accommodation for commercial drivers by decreasing from 25 to 12 the number of vehicles necessary to constitute a fleet for registration purposes. This will ensure that individuals who own a large number of commercial vehicles will be allowed to renew registrations for the vehicles in a more timely and convenient manner.

H.B. 433 amends the Transportation Code to decrease from 25 to 12 the minimum number of nonapportioned motor vehicles, semitrailers, or trailers necessary to constitute a commercial fleet for the purposes of vehicle registration.

H.B. 433 amends current law relating to the definition of a commercial fleet.

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 502.001(6), Transportation Code, to redefine "commercial fleet" as a group of at least 12, rather than at least 25, nonapportioned motor vehicles, semitrailers, or trailers owned, operated, or leased by a corporation, limited or general partnership, limited liability company, or other business entity and used for the business purposes of that entity.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.