BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2386
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that inconsistencies exist between state and federal law governing exemptions of certain vehicles from commercial driver's license requirements. C.S.H.B. 2386 seeks to remedy these inconsistencies by exempting from those requirements covered farm vehicles and certain other vehicles.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2386 amends the Transportation Code to exempt from statutory provisions governing commercial driver's licenses a covered farm vehicle as defined by federal regulations and a vehicle that is operated intrastate and that is driven by an individual not for compensation and not in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2386 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute does not include an exemption for a vehicle that is used for the purpose of participating in equine activities or attending livestock shows. The substitute includes an exemption for a vehicle that is operated intrastate and that is driven by an individual not for compensation and not in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise.

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