

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 171
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DIGEST

Currently, providing false information on a driver's license application is a Class B or Class C misdemeanor. Providing false information on a driver's license application is a serious offense because a driver's license is used as an important legal document to establish identity. This bill will increase the penalty for a false application for a driver's license or a certificate issued by the Department of Public Safety to a Class A misdemeanor.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 171 increases the penalty for a false application for a driver's license or a certificate issued by the Department of Public Safety to a Class A misdemeanor.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.454(c), Transportation Code, to provide that an offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor, rather than a Class C misdemeanor. Deletes a provision increasing the penalty to a Class B misdemeanor under certain circumstances.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.