

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, there have been incidences in which large commercial trucks are parked in residential subdivisions. The drivers of these trucks often use these areas as safe and cheap places to sleep. Residents of these areas have complained that parking trucks in a neighborhood is unsightly and leads to certain other complications. This bill makes the act of parking a commercial vehicle in certain residential subdivisions an offense.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 327 provides for the creation of an offense for parking a commercial motor vehicle overnight in certain residential subdivisions.

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 Chapter 545G, Transportation Code, by adding Section 545.307, as follows:

Sec. 545.307. OVERNIGHT PARKING OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE IN RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION. Defines "commercial motor vehicle" and "residential subdivision." Prohibits a person from parking a commercial motor vehicle or leaving the vehicle parked on a street of residential subdivision for which signs are posted under certain conditions, after 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m. Authorizes the residents of a residential subdivision to petition a county or municipality in which the subdivision is located for the posting of signs prohibiting the overnight parking of a commercial motor vehicle in the subdivision. Sets forth requirements for the petition to meet. Requires the county or municipality to post the signs after the filing of a qualified petition. Requires the sign to contain certain information. Authorizes a county or municipality receiving the petition to condition the posting of the signs in a certain manner. Provides that a person commits an offense if the person parks a commercial motor vehicle in violation of Subsection (b). Provides that this section does not limit the power of a municipality to regulate the parking of commercial motor vehicles. Sets forth provisions regarding contiguous subdivisions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.