

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, funding for the Texas Motorcycle Operator Training and Safety Program comes from a \$5 surcharge on the four-year renewal of motorcycle licenses and is deposited into the Motorcycle Education Fund within the state treasury. This source of funding serves to pay for the basic and advanced motorcycle operator training courses offered through the Department of Public Safety. When demand for courses began to increase, funding did not include all Texans applying for or having a motorcycle license. For example, commercial driver's license holders and applicants for an original motorcycle license or a provisional license are exempt from the surcharge. S.B. 184 would stipulate a fee for all classes of licenses to operate a motorcycle. The fee would go to the general fund account 501 and be used by the Motorcycle Safety Bureau to support budget training.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 184 outlines provisions for the issuance of certain driver's licenses, including a license authorizing the operation of a motorcycle.

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 521.421, Transportation Code, by amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsection (f), to set forth the required fees for a driver's license renewal that includes authorization to operate a motorcycle.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 522.029, Transportation Code, by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsections (f) and (g), to set forth the required fees for certain licenses and certain license renewals. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Chapter 662, Transportation Code, by adding Section 662.011, as follows:

Sec. 662.011. MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNT. Provides that the motorcycle education fund account is an account in the general revenue fund. Sets forth provisions by which money is required to be deposited to the credit of the motorcycle education fund account. Sets forth the instances for which the unspent balance in the motorcycle education fund account at the end of the year is authorized to be appropriated.

SECTION 4. Provides that this Act conforms the Transportation Code to the changes in law made by Section 1(38), Chapter 1058, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, in addition to the new changes in law made by this Act. Provides that this Act prevails over another Act of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes, to the extent of any conflict.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 1997.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 6. Emergency clause.