BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Article 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, grants magistrates in Texas the authority to order the installation of motor vehicle interlock devices in the automobiles of persons of accused of driving while intoxicated and released on bail. These devices verify that the driver of a vehicle is not intoxicated before the interlock system will allow the vehicle to start. However, when the statute was enacted a funding source for the inspection of the installation and the confirmation of the proper operation of these devices was not included. This bill will require the defendant to pay a fee when an agency verifies the installation of the device and each time the agency provides a monitoring service.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 430 requires a defendant to pay a fee to cover costs associated with the installation of a motor vehicle ignition interlock device required as a condition of bail.

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 Article 17.441(d), Code of Criminal Procedure, to require the defendant, if the magistrate designates an agency under this subsection, to pay a fee of \$10 to the designated agency at the time the agency verifies the installation of a motor vihicle ignition interlock device and each time that the agency provides a monitoring service under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.