

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, persons who chose to avoid a traffic ticket by taking a defensive driving course pay a \$10 fee and \$50 court costs. If a ticket is appealed to a higher court, the total cost is \$10 for a misdemeanor traffic violation. S.B. 1567 creates a maximum \$50 administration fee for a person who requests to take a certain defensive driving course in the process of avoiding a traffic ticket.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1567 creates maximum \$50 administration fee for a person who requests to take a course under Section 543.104, Transportation Code.

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 543.106(a), Transportation Code, to specify that Section 543.103, Transportation Code, governs certain aspects of a driving safety course (course). Authorizes the court to require a person requesting a course under Section 543.104, Transportation Code, to pay a maximum \$50 administration fee, including other fees.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.