

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides that a person who sells "loose" cigarettes commits a Class A misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$4,000 and/or a maximum jail sentence of one year. This bill would remove the sale of "loose" cigarettes from a list of offenses that are Class A misdemeanors.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 15 removes the sale of "loose" cigarettes from a list of offenses that are Class A misdemeanors.

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 154.510, Tax Code, as follows.

Sec. 154.510. MISDEMEANOR. Provides that an offense under Section 154.502, 154.503, or Sections 154.505 through 154.509 is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.