

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Waller County has four major Texas Department of Transportation corridors which include FM 359, FM 362, I-10, and US 290. Many commercial motor vehicles use these corridors to travel through Waller County. Currently, Waller County does not have the authority to enforce certain commercial motor vehicle safety regulations while surrounding counties already have this authority.

S.B. 323 extends authority to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards to a county with a population of more than 50,000 and less than 90,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 4,000,000. This statutory change enables Waller County the authority to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

As proposed, S.B. 323 amends current law relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Reenacts Section 644.101(c), Transportation Code, as amended by Chapters 74 (H.B. 2749) and 429 (S.B. 901), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, and amends it, as follows:

(c) Provides that a sheriff or a deputy sheriff of certain counties is eligible to apply for certification under Section 644.101 (Certification of Certain Peace Officers), including a county with a population of more than 50,000 and less than 90,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 4,000,000. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act, to the extent of any conflict, prevails over another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.