

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1936
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that recent legislation has created confusion with regard to whether a person can be cited for the unauthorized use of a parking space designated for persons with disabilities. The bill author has further informed the committee that as a result, some police departments, like Mansfield Police Department, have stopped issuing citations altogether. H.B. 1936 seeks to restore law enforcement's ability to ticket violators and ensure accessible parking laws are properly enforced by repealing Transportation Code provisions that restrict the issuance of citations for the offense of unauthorized use of parking designated for persons with disabilities.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1936 repeals a Transportation Code provision that authorizes a peace officer to issue a warning, but prohibits the officer from issuing a citation, for the offense of unauthorized use of parking designated for persons with disabilities to a person who stands a vehicle in a parking space or area designated specifically for persons with disabilities that does not have a parking space identification sign identifying the parking space in accordance with the requirements of the applicable standards and specifications adopted by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation. This bill applies only to an offense committed on or after the bill's effective date. An offense committed before the bill's effective date is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For these purposes, an offense was committed before the bill's effective date if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

H.B. 1936 repeals Section 681.011(f-2), Transportation Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.