



Public Transit Crime Prevention Act

HB 5 – SB 31x

Bill Analysis

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Concerned observers contend that the current punishments for certain crimes committed in vehicles operated by public transit systems are insufficient deterrents to criminals and do not take into account the seriousness of such acts. This bill seeks to address this issue by increasing the penalty for certain assault, robbery, and sexual offenses committed in a vehicle operated by a public transportation system.

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

This bill amends the Penal Code to enhance the penalty for certain sexual, assaultive, or robbery offenses to the next higher category of offense if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the offense was committed in a vehicle used by the public for mass transit purposes operated by a metropolitan rapid transit authority, regional transportation authority, municipal transit department, county mass transit authority, rural and urban transit district, or coordinated county transportation authority. The bill excludes from that penalty enhancement an offense for which the punishment otherwise prescribed is the punishment for a first degree felony or capital felony.

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