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H.B. No. 1854

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to documentation verifying that the interior of certain commercial motor vehicles was cleaned before loading cargo into the vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 644, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 644.055 to read as follows:

Sec. 644.055. DOCUMENTATION VERIFYING VEHICLE'S INTERIOR WAS CLEANED. To the extent allowed by federal law, the director shall adopt a rule requiring an operator of a commercial motor vehicle that is transporting cargo across the border between this state and the United Mexican States to provide, on the request of a person inspecting the vehicle or cargo, documentation verifying to the satisfaction of the person making the request that the interior of the vehicle, including the interior of a trailer or semitrailer, was cleaned and washed before the vehicle's cargo was loaded.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.