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S.B. No. 1059

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of certain permits for the movement of
oversize or overweight vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter P, Chapter 623,
Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER P. PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI AUTHORITY [~~SPECIAL FREIGHT~~
~~CORRIDOR~~] PERMITS

SECTION 2. Section 623.301, Transportation Code, is amended
to read as follows:

Sec. 623.301. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE. This subchapter provides
an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by the Port of
Corpus Christi Authority for the movement of oversize or overweight
vehicles carrying cargo on certain roads [~~a state highway special~~
~~freight corridor~~] located in San Patricio and Nueces Counties
[~~County~~].

SECTION 3. Section 623.302, Transportation Code, is amended
to read as follows:

Sec. 623.302. DEFINITION [~~DEFINITIONS~~]. In this
subchapter, "port" ~~+~~

~~[(1) "Port]~~ authority" means the Port of Corpus
Christi Authority ~~[, and~~

~~[(2) "Special freight corridor" means a highway built~~
~~by this state specifically for the movement of oversize or~~

~~overweight vehicles carrying cargo in San Patricio County to and from the port authority's La Quinta terminal].~~

SECTION 4. Section 623.303, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 623.303. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS. (a) The Texas Transportation Commission may authorize the port authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo ~~[on state highway special freight corridors located]~~ in San Patricio and Nueces Counties on:

(1) the following roads:

(A) U.S. Highway 181 between its intersection with Burleson Street in the city of Corpus Christi and its intersection with County Road 3567 (Midway Road) in San Patricio County;

(B) State Highway 35 between its intersection with Burleson Street in the city of Corpus Christi and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 3512;

(C) State Highway 361 between its intersection with State Highway 35 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1069 (Main Street) in the city of Ingleside; and

(D) proposed State Highway 200 between its intersection with State Highway 361 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1069 (Main Street) in the city of Ingleside, if proposed State Highway 200 is constructed; or

(2) another route designated by the commission in consultation with the authority [County].

(b) The port authority may issue a permit under this

subchapter only if the cargo being transported weighs 125,000 pounds or less.

SECTION 5. Section 623.306(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A permit issued under this subchapter must include:

(1) the name of the applicant;

(2) the date of issuance;

(3) the signature of the manager of transportation of the port authority;

(4) a statement of the kind of cargo being transported, the maximum weight and dimensions of the equipment, and the kind and weight of each commodity to be transported;

(5) a statement of any condition on which the permit is issued;

(6) a statement that the cargo may ~~[only]~~ be transported in San Patricio and Nueces Counties only over the roads described by or designated under Section 623.303 ~~[to and from the port authority's La Quinta terminal in San Patricio County using a state highway special freight corridor in San Patricio County]~~; and

(7) the location where the cargo was loaded.

SECTION 6. 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.