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H.B. No. 4201

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a feasibility study on the colocation of federal and state motor vehicle inspection facilities at ports of entry.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Transportation.

(2) "Institute" means the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

(3) "Port of entry" has the meaning assigned by Section 201.710, Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON COLOCATED INSPECTION PORTS.

(a) The institute, in consultation with the department and the Department of Public Safety, shall conduct a feasibility study on erecting and maintaining a colocated federal and state inspection facility at each port of entry in this state for the inspection of motor vehicles for compliance with federal and state commercial motor vehicle regulations. The study must include:

(1) a summary of:

(A) past efforts by the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to maintain colocated federal and state inspection facilities at each port of entry;

(B) any current efforts to colocate or separate

1 federal and state inspection facilities at ports of entry in other
2 states;

3 (C) current priorities and expectations of the
4 department and the Department of Public Safety regarding motor
5 vehicle inspections at ports of entry;

6 (D) the department's and Department of Public
7 Safety's perspectives on the advantages and disadvantages of
8 colocated federal and state inspection facilities; and

9 (E) the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
10 Administration's perspective on the advantages and disadvantages
11 of colocated federal and state inspection facilities, as solicited
12 by the institute under Subsection (b) of this section; and

13 (2) potential scenarios for the colocation of federal
14 and state inspection facilities at each port of entry in this state
15 and an analysis of each scenario's advantages and disadvantages.

16 (b) In conducting the study under this section, the
17 institute shall solicit the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
18 Administration's perspective on the advantages and disadvantages
19 of colocated federal and state inspection facilities.

20 SECTION 3. REPORT. Before the study under Section 2 of this
21 Act is completed, the institute shall contact the Federal Motor
22 Carrier Safety Administration to arrange receipt of the report
23 required by this section. Not later than December 1, 2022, the
24 institute shall report the results of the study conducted under
25 Section 2 of this Act and any recommendations to the Federal Motor
26 Carrier Safety Administration in the manner and format requested by
27 the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

1 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires January 1,
2 2023.

3 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
4 1, 2021.