

By: Lopez of Cameron

H.B. No. 1888

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the route designation for the issuance of a permit for  
3 the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain  
4 counties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 623.219(a), Transportation Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) For a permit issued by a port authority located in a  
9 county that borders the United Mexican States, the commission  
10 ~~shall~~, with the consent of the port authority:

11 (1) shall designate the most direct route from:

12 (A) ~~(1)~~ the Gateway International Bridge or  
13 the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates to the entrance of  
14 the Port of Brownsville using State Highways 48 and 4 or United  
15 States Highways 77 and 83 or using United States Highway 77 and  
16 United States Highway 83, East Loop Corridor, and State Highway 4;  
17 ~~and~~

18 (B) ~~(2)~~ the Free Trade International Bridge  
19 to:

20 (i) ~~(A)~~ the entrance of the Port of  
21 Brownsville using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highways  
22 77 and 83, Farm-to-Market Road 511, State Highway 550, and East Loop  
23 (State Highway 32);

24 (ii) ~~(B)~~ the eastern entrance of the Port

1 of Harlingen using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highway  
2 77 Business, and Farm-to-Market Road 1846;

3 (iii) [~~(C)~~] the western entrance of the  
4 Port of Harlingen using Farm-to-Market Roads 509 and 106;

5 (iv) [~~(D)~~] the southern entrance of the  
6 Harlingen Industrial Park using Farm-to-Market Road 509; and

7 (v) [~~(E)~~] the southern entrance of the  
8 Harlingen Aerotropolis at Valley International Airport using  
9 Farm-to-Market Road 509; and

10 (C) the Pharr International Bridge to:

11 (i) the eastern entrance of the Port of  
12 Harlingen using United States Highway 281, Farm-to-Market Road 509,  
13 United States Highway 77 Business, and Farm-to-Market Road 1846;  
14 and

15 (ii) the western entrance of the Port of  
16 Harlingen using United States Highway 281 and Farm-to-Market Roads  
17 509 and 106; and

18 (2) may designate another route in consultation with  
19 the port authority.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.