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H.B. No. 2699

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by City of Roma for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Starr County; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter W to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER W. STARR COUNTY PERMITS

Sec. 623.451. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE. This subchapter provides an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by the City of Roma for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain roadways located in Starr county.

Sec. 623.452. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS. (a) The commission may authorize the City of Roma to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Starr county on the following roadways:

(1) Farm-to-Market Road 650 between its intersection with River Road in Fronton and its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 in Roma;

(2) U.S. Highway 83 between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 650 and its intersection with Franklin Avenue in Roma;

(3) Bravo Boulevard in Roma between its easternmost intersection with U.S. Highway 83 and the Roma-Ciudad Miguel Aleman

1 International Bridge;

2 (4) Franklin Avenue in Roma between the Roma-Ciudad
3 Miguel Aleman International Bridge and its easternmost
4 intersection with U.S. Highway 83;

5 Sec. 623.453. SURETY BOND. The commission may require the
6 City of Roma to execute, at its own expense, a surety bond payable
7 to the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount of not less
8 than \$500,000 for costs of maintenance for the roadways described
9 by Section 623.452(a).

10 Sec. 623.454. PERMIT FEES. (a) The City of Roma may
11 collect a fee for permits issued under this subchapter. Except as
12 otherwise provided by this subsection, the maximum amount of the
13 fee may not exceed \$200 per trip. On September 1 of each year, the
14 city may adjust the maximum fee amount as necessary to reflect the
15 percentage change during the preceding year in the Consumer Price
16 Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, published
17 monthly by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics or its
18 successor in function.

19 (b) Fees collected under Subsection (a) may be used only for
20 the operation and maintenance of the roadways described by or
21 designated under Section 623.452 and for the City of Roma's
22 administrative costs, which may not exceed 15 percent of the fees
23 collected.

24 (c) The distribution of the fees collected under Subsection
25 (a) less the City of Roma's administrative costs must be
26 distributed between the state and the city based on lane mile
27 calculations between on and off system roadways subject to this

1 subchapter. Lane mile calculations must be adjusted on a biannual
2 basis.

3 (d) The City of Roma shall send the state's portion of the
4 fees collected under Subsection (a) to the comptroller for deposit
5 to the credit of the state highway fund. Fees deposited in the
6 state highway fund under this section are exempt from the
7 application of Section 403.095, Government Code.

8 Sec. 623.455. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (a) A permit issued
9 under this subchapter must include:

10 (1) the name of the applicant;
11 (2) the date of issuance;
12 (3) the signature of the designated agent for the City
13 of Roma;

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

17 (5) a statement:
18 (A) that the gross weight of the vehicle for
19 which a permit is issued may not exceed 125,000 pounds; and
20 (B) of any other condition on which the permit is
21 issued;

22 (6) a statement that the cargo may be transported in
23 Starr County only over the roadways described by or designated
24 under Section 623.452;

25 (7) a statement that the permit does not authorize the
26 transportation of the cargo on an interstate highway; and

27 (8) the location where the cargo was loaded.

1 (b) The City of Roma shall report to the department all
2 permits issued under this subchapter.

3 Sec. 623.456. TIME OF MOVEMENT. A permit issued under this
4 subchapter must specify the time during which movement authorized
5 by the permit is allowed.

6 Sec. 623.457. SPEED LIMIT. Movement authorized by a permit
7 issued under this subchapter may not exceed the posted speed limit
8 or 55 miles per hour, whichever is less. A violation of this
9 provision constitutes a moving violation.

10 Sec. 623.458. ENFORCEMENT. The Department of Public Safety
11 has authority to enforce this subchapter.

12 Sec. 623.459. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN. The Texas
13 Department of Transportation shall create a pavement management
14 plan for the roadways described by Section 623.452(a).

15 Sec. 623.460. RULES. The commission may adopt rules
16 necessary to implement this subchapter.

17 SECTION 2. The City of Roma may adjust the maximum fee
18 amount as provided by Section 623.454, Transportation Code, as
19 added by this Act, beginning September 1, 2026.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.