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S.B. No. 2200

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a criminal offense for operating or moving an overweight vehicle transporting hazardous materials on a route other than the designated permit route.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 621, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 621.512 to read as follows:

Sec. 621.512. PROHIBITION ON OPERATING OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE TRANSPORTING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON ROUTE OTHER THAN DESIGNATED PERMIT ROUTE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates or moves an overweight vehicle transporting hazardous materials under a permit issued under this subtitle on a public highway that is not included in the route designated under the permit.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second degree.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that, at the time of the offense, the vehicle was being operated or moved:

(1) under the immediate direction of a law enforcement agency; or

(2) in compliance with a permit authorizing the movement of the vehicle issued by the department or a political subdivision of this state.

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1           SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.