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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the permissible size of certain recreational vehicles
operated on a public highway.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Y, Chapter 622, Transportation Code,
is amended by amending Section 622.901 and adding Section 622.903
to read as follows:

Sec. 622.901. WIDTH EXCEPTIONS. The width limitation
provided by Section 621.201 does not apply to:

(1) highway building or maintenance machinery that is
traveling:

(A) during daylight on a public highway other
than a highway that is part of the national system of interstate and
defense highways; or

(B) for not more than 50 miles on a highway that
is part of the national system of interstate and defense highways;

(2) a vehicle traveling during daylight on a public
highway other than a highway that is part of the national system of
interstate and defense highways or traveling for not more than 50
miles on a highway that is part of the national system of interstate
and defense highways if the vehicle is:

(A) a farm tractor or implement of husbandry; or
(B) a vehicle on which a farm tractor or
implement of husbandry, other than a tractor or implement being
transported from one dealer to another, is being moved by the owner
of the tractor or implement or by an agent or employee of the owner:

(i) to deliver the tractor or implement to a
new owner;

(ii) to transport the tractor or implement
to or from a mechanic for maintenance or repair; or

(iii) in the course of an agricultural
operation;

(3) machinery that is used solely for drilling water
wells, including machinery that is a unit or a unit mounted on a
conventional vehicle or chassis, and that is traveling:

(A) during daylight on a public highway other
than a highway that is part of the national system of interstate and
defense highways; or

(B) for not more than 50 miles on a highway that
is part of the national system of interstate and defense highways;

(4) a vehicle owned or operated by a public, private,
or volunteer fire department; ~~or~~

(5) a vehicle registered under Section 502.164; or

(6) a recreational vehicle to which Section 622.903
applies.

Sec. 622.903. WIDTH LIMITATION ON CERTAIN RECREATIONAL
VEHICLES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Appurtenance" includes an awning, a grab handle,
lighting equipment, or a vent. The term does not include a
load-carrying device.

(2) "Recreational vehicle" has the meaning assigned by
Section 522.004.

(b) A recreational vehicle may exceed a width limitation
established by Section 621.201 or 621.202 if the excess width is
attributable to an appurtenance that extends six inches or less
beyond a fender on one or both sides of the vehicle.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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