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S.B. No. 488

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to vehicle weight.

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

SECTION 1. Section 621.102, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a person may not operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles on a road for which the commission has established a maximum weight under this section if the weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the maximum weight established by the commission.

SECTION 2. Section 621.301, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a person may not operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles on a road for which the commissioners court of a county has established a maximum weight under this section if the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the maximum weight established by the commissioners court.

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 621.506, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles in violation of Section 621.101, 621.102, 621.301, 622.012, 622.031, 622.133, 622.953, or 623.162; or

(2) loads a vehicle or causes a vehicle to be loaded in

1 violation of Section 621.503.

2 SECTION 4. Subsection (c), Section 623.019, Transportation  
3 Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 (c) An offense under Subsection (a) is a misdemeanor and,  
5 except as provided by Subsection (d), is punishable by a fine of:

6 (1) not less than \$300 or more than \$500 if the offense  
7 involves a vehicle having a single axle weight, tandem axle weight,  
8 or gross weight that is heavier than 5,000 but not heavier than  
9 10,000 pounds over the vehicle's allowable [~~gross~~] weight; or

10 (2) not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 if the  
11 offense involves a vehicle having a single axle weight, tandem axle  
12 weight, or gross weight that is at least 10,000 pounds heavier than  
13 the vehicle's allowable [~~gross~~] weight.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.