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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
violation of Section 621.503.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5. Subsection (c), Section 621.402, as added by
Chapter 941, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001,
is repealed.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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