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S.B. No. 1649

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the movement of vehicles transporting ocean cargo shipping containers.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER L. OCEAN CARGO SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Sec. 623.231. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "ocean cargo shipping container" means an enclosed, standardized, reusable container that:

(1) is used to pack, ship, move, or transport freight articles, goods, or commodities;

(2) is designed to be carried on a trailer and loaded onto a vessel for ocean-borne transportation; and

(3) exceeds the weight limitations of this chapter.

Sec. 623.232. PERMIT. The department may issue an annual permit for the movement of ocean cargo shipping containers if:

(1) the combination of vehicles transporting the containers has:

(A) a tandem axle weight of not more than 40,000 pounds;

(B) a single axle weight of not more than 20,000 pounds; and

(C) a gross weight of not more than 90,000

1 pounds; and

2 (2) the proposed movement of the container does not
3 exceed 75 miles from the point of loading to a container port or
4 intermodal rail yard in this state.

5 Sec. 623.233. PERMIT FEE. The amount of the fee for an
6 annual permit issued under Section 623.232 is equal to the amount of
7 a fee imposed in connection with a permit issued under Subchapter B.

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