

By: Jones of Lubbock

H.B. No. 749

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to size and weight limitations for certain vehicles  
3 transporting agricultural products and equipment.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 622, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER I. VEHICLES TRANSPORTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS [~~COTTON~~]  
8 OR [~~COTTON PROCESSING~~] EQUIPMENT

9 Sec. 622.101. VEHICLE TRANSPORTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT  
10 [~~COTTON~~] OR PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. A single motor vehicle used  
11 exclusively to transport agricultural product [~~seed cotton~~]  
12 modules, agricultural products [~~cotton, cotton burrs~~], or  
13 equipment used to transport or process agricultural products  
14 [~~cotton~~], including a burr spreader, may not be operated on a  
15 highway or road if the vehicle is:

16 (1) wider than 10 feet and the highway has not been  
17 designated by the commission under Section 621.202 [~~if the vehicle~~  
18 ~~is registered under Section 502.277~~];

19 (2) longer than 48 feet; or

20 (3) higher than 14 feet 6 inches.

21 SECTION 2. Section 622.953(a), Transportation Code, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (a) The weight limitations of Section 621.101 do not apply  
24 to a single motor vehicle used exclusively to transport

1 agricultural products or equipment used to transport or process  
2 agricultural products [~~seed cotton modules~~].

3 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
4 an offense committed on or after September 1, 2005. An offense  
5 committed before September 1, 2005, is covered by the law as it  
6 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the  
7 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.