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H.B. No. 1882

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permits issued for moving certain heavy equipment over a state highway.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 623.0711 to read as follows:

Sec. 623.0711. SEALED OCEAN CONTAINERS. (a) The department may consider sealed ocean containers to be superheavy equipment that cannot reasonably be dismantled.

(b) The Texas Transportation Commission shall by rule establish procedures to issue an annual permit for transporting sealed ocean containers over a state highway in the same manner as provided by Section 623.071.

(c) The Texas Transportation Commission may by rule establish procedures to issue a single trip permit for transporting sealed ocean containers over a state highway in the same manner as provided by Section 623.071.

(d) The fee for a permit issued under this section shall be sent to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the state highway fund. Fees deposited in the state highway fund under this section are exempt from the application of Section 403.095, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Section 621.102(e), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (e) A vehicle operating under a permit issued under Section
2 623.011, 623.071, 623.0711, 623.094, 623.121, 623.142, 623.181,
3 623.192, or 623.212 may operate under the conditions authorized by
4 the permit over a road for which the commission has set a maximum
5 weight under this section.

6 SECTION 3. Section 621.301(e), Transportation Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (e) A vehicle operating under a permit issued under Section
9 623.011, 623.071, 623.0711, 623.094, 623.121, 623.142, 623.181,
10 623.192, or 623.212 may operate under the conditions authorized by
11 the permit over a road for which the commissioners court has set a
12 maximum weight under this section.

13 SECTION 4. Section 623.072(a), Transportation Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (a) A municipality having a state highway in its territory
16 shall designate to the department the route in the municipality to
17 be used by equipment described by Section 623.071 or 623.0711
18 operating over the state highway. The department shall show the
19 designated route on each map routing the equipment.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.