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S.B. No. 293

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 293:

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C.S.S.B. No. 293

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to meetings between representatives of the Department of  
3 Public Safety of the State of Texas and Mexican states on  
4 transportation and truck inspection issues.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 411.0097 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 411.0097. TRANSPORTATION AND INSPECTIONS MEETING WITH  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF MEXICAN STATES. (a) The department shall  
10 initiate efforts to meet at least quarterly with the department's  
11 counterparts in the Mexican states bordering this state to discuss  
12 issues relating to truck inspections and transportation and  
13 infrastructure involved in truck inspections and transportation.

14 (b) To assist the department in carrying out this section,  
15 the department shall contact the border commerce coordinator  
16 designated under Section 772.010 and the mayors of each  
17 municipality in this state in which a port of entry for land traffic  
18 is located.

19 (c) At least one department representative participating in  
20 a meeting under Subsection (a) must be proficient in Spanish.

21 (d) The department, in conjunction with the border commerce  
22 coordinator, shall develop short-range and long-range plans,  
23 including recommendations to increase bilateral relations with  
24 Mexico and expedite trade by mitigating delays in border crossing

1 inspections for northbound truck traffic. In developing the plans,  
2 the department and coordinator shall consider information obtained  
3 from any meetings under Subsection (a). The department shall  
4 update the plan biennially and submit the updated plan to the  
5 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
6 and each other member of the legislature on or before December 1 of  
7 each even-numbered year.

8         SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.