

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from registration in this state for certain foreign commercial motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 648.101, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) A foreign commercial motor vehicle is exempt from Chapter 502 and any other law of this state requiring the vehicle to be registered in this state, including a law providing for a temporary registration permit, if:

(1) the vehicle is engaged solely in transportation of cargo across the border into or from a border commercial zone;

(2) for each load of cargo transported the vehicle remains in this state:

(A) not more than 24 hours; or

(B) not more than 48 hours, if:

(i) the vehicle is unable to leave this state within 24 hours because of circumstances beyond the control of the motor carrier operating the vehicle; and

(ii) all financial responsibility requirements applying to the vehicle are satisfied;

(3) the vehicle is registered and licensed as required by the law of another [~~state or~~] country as evidenced by a valid

1 metal license plate attached to the front or rear of the exterior of
2 the vehicle; and

3 (4) the country in which the person that owns or
4 controls the vehicle is domiciled or is a citizen provides a
5 reciprocal exemption for commercial motor vehicles owned or
6 controlled by residents of this state.

7 (c) Notwithstanding any reciprocity agreement between this
8 state and another state of the United States, a foreign commercial
9 motor vehicle that engages primarily in transportation of cargo
10 across the border into or from a border commercial zone must be:

11 (1) registered in this state; or

12 (2) operated under the exemption provided by this
13 section.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 313 was passed by the House on March 28, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 313 was passed by the Senate on May 1, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor