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H.B. No. 313

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.