

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the issuance and enforcement of motor carrier
3 overweight or oversize vehicle permits and motor carrier
4 registrations; providing administrative penalties.

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

6 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The
7 legislature finds that as the economy of this state continues its
8 steady growth, significant increases in the amount of freight
9 moving on the roadways of this state have followed suit; that the
10 demand for oversize and overweight permits issued by the motor
11 carrier division of the Texas Department of Transportation has long
12 since surpassed the department's capacity to keep pace; and that
13 the department's inability to service the needs of the trucking
14 industry has resulted in extreme delays in the issuance of permits
15 by the motor carrier division, which negatively impact not only the
16 motor carriers involved but also the shipping public they serve.
17 The purposes of this Act are to increase the fees charged for
18 permits issued by the motor carrier division of the Texas
19 Department of Transportation, to address enforcement efforts
20 against violators of the motor vehicle size and weight laws of this
21 state, and to provide a significant increase in revenue realized by
22 this state from increased permit fees, a portion of which will be
23 used to address the growing problem of the untimely issuance of
24 oversize and overweight permits by retaining an increased number of

1 appropriate private sector service providers to perform necessary
2 bridge and route inspections and a portion of which will be used to
3 add at least 25 full-time employees to the number employed by the
4 motor carrier division.

5 SECTION 2. Section 621.353(c), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The comptroller shall send each fee collected under
8 Section 623.0111 [~~623.0112~~] for an excess weight permit to the
9 counties designated on the application for the permit, with each
10 county shown on the application receiving an amount determined
11 according to the ratio of the total number of miles of county roads
12 maintained by the county to the total number of miles of county
13 roads maintained by all of the counties designated on the
14 application.

15 SECTION 3. Section 622.953(b), Transportation Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (b) The overall gross weight of a single motor vehicle used
18 to transport seed cotton or equipment used to transport or process
19 seed cotton may not be heavier than 64,000 [~~59,400~~] pounds.

20 SECTION 4. Section 623.0111, Transportation Code, is
21 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) When a person applies for a permit under Section
24 623.011, the person must:

25 (1) designate in the application each county in which
26 the vehicle will be operated; and

27 (2) pay in addition to other fees an annual fee in an

1 amount determined according to the following table:

2	Number of Counties Designated	Fee
3	<u>1-5</u>	<u>\$175</u>
4	<u>6</u> [1]-20	<u>\$250</u> [\$125]
5	21-40	<u>\$450</u> [\$345]
6	41-60	<u>\$625</u> [\$565]
7	61-80	<u>\$800</u> [\$785]
8	81-100	<u>\$900</u> [\$1,005]
9	101-254	<u>\$1,000</u> [\$2,000]

10 (c) Of the fees collected under Subsection (a) the following
 11 amounts shall be deposited to the general revenue fund and the
 12 remainder shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway
 13 fund:

14	<u>Number of Counties</u>	<u>Amount Allocated to</u>
15	<u>Designated</u>	<u>General Revenue Fund</u>
16	<u>1-5</u>	<u>\$125</u>
17	<u>6-20</u>	<u>\$125</u>
18	<u>21-40</u>	<u>\$345</u>
19	<u>41-60</u>	<u>\$565</u>
20	<u>61-80</u>	<u>\$785</u>
21	<u>81-100</u>	<u>\$900</u>
22	<u>101-254</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

23 SECTION 5. Section 623.076, Transportation Code, is amended
 24 by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
 25 read as follows:

26 (a) An application for a permit under this subchapter must
 27 be accompanied by a permit fee of:

- 1 (1) \$60 [~~\$30~~] for a single-trip permit;
- 2 (2) \$120 [~~\$60~~] for a permit that is valid for a period
- 3 not exceeding 30 days;
- 4 (3) \$180 [~~\$90~~] for a permit that is valid for a period
- 5 of 31 days or more but not exceeding 60 days;
- 6 (4) \$240 [~~\$120~~] for a permit that is valid for a period
- 7 of 61 days or more but not exceeding 90 days; or
- 8 (5) \$270 [~~\$135~~] for a permit issued under Section
- 9 623.071(c)(1) or (2).

10 (a-1) The following amounts collected under Subsection (a)
 11 shall be deposited to the general revenue fund and the remainder
 12 deposited to the credit of the state highway fund:

<u>Amount of Fee</u>	<u>Amount Allocated to General Revenue Fund</u>
14 <u>\$60 (single-trip permit)</u>	<u>\$30</u>
15 <u>\$120 (30-day permit)</u>	<u>\$60</u>
16 <u>\$180</u>	<u>\$90</u>
17 <u>\$240</u>	<u>\$120</u>
18 <u>\$270</u>	<u>\$135</u>

19 (c) An application for a permit under Section 623.071(c)(3)
 20 or (d) must be accompanied by the permit fee established by the
 21 commission for the permit, not to exceed \$7,000 [~~\$3,500~~]. Of each
 22 fee collected under this subsection, the department shall send:

- 23 (1) the first \$1,000 to the comptroller for deposit to
- 24 the credit of the general revenue fund; and
- 25 (2) any amount in excess of \$1,000 to the comptroller
- 26 for deposit to the credit of the state highway fund.

27 SECTION 6. Section 623.077(a), Transportation Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (a) An applicant for a permit under this subchapter, other
 3 than a permit under Section 623.071(c)(3), must also pay a highway
 4 maintenance fee in an amount determined according to the following
 5 table:

6 Vehicle Weight in Pounds	Fee
7 80,001 to 120,000	<u>\$150</u> [\$50]
8 120,001 to 160,000	<u>\$225</u> [\$75]
9 160,001 to 200,000	<u>\$300</u> [\$100]
10 200,001 and above	<u>\$375</u> [\$125]

11 SECTION 7. Sections 623.096(a) and (b), Transportation
 12 Code, are amended to read as follows:

13 (a) The department shall collect a fee of \$40 [~~\$20~~] for each
 14 permit issued under this subchapter. Of each fee, \$19.70 [~~30 cents~~]
 15 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and the
 16 remainder deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

17 (b) The department shall adopt rules concerning fees for
 18 each annual permit issued under Section 623.095(c) at a cost not to
 19 exceed \$3,000 [~~\$1,500~~]. [~~Two percent of any fee adopted shall be~~
 20 ~~deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.]~~

21 SECTION 8. Section 623.124, Transportation Code, is amended
 22 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 623.124. FEE. (a) An application for a permit must be
 24 accompanied by a fee of \$15 [~~\$7.50~~].

25 (b) The department shall send each fee collected under this
 26 section to the comptroller. Of each fee received from the
 27 department, the comptroller shall deposit \$7.50 to the credit of

1 the general revenue fund and \$7.50 to the credit of the state
2 highway fund.

3 SECTION 9. Section 623.144, Transportation Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 623.144. REGISTRATION OF VEHICLE. A permit under this
6 subchapter may be issued only if the vehicle is registered under
7 Chapter 502 for the maximum gross weight applicable to the vehicle
8 under Section 621.101 or has the distinguishing license plates as
9 provided by Section 504.504 [~~502.276~~] if applicable to the vehicle.

10 SECTION 10. Section 623.149(a), Transportation Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) The department may establish criteria to determine
13 whether oil well servicing, oil well clean out, or oil well drilling
14 machinery or equipment is subject to registration under Chapter 502
15 or eligible for the distinguishing license plate provided by
16 Section 504.504 [~~502.276~~].

17 SECTION 11. Section 623.182, Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 623.182. PERMIT FEE. (a) The fee for a permit under
20 this subchapter is \$100 [~~\$50~~].

21 (b) The department shall send each fee collected under this
22 subchapter to the comptroller. Of each fee received from the
23 department, the comptroller shall deposit \$50 to the credit of the
24 general revenue fund and \$50 to the credit of the state highway
25 fund.

26 SECTION 12. Section 623.194, Transportation Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 Sec. 623.194. REGISTRATION OF VEHICLE. A permit under this
2 subchapter may be issued only if the vehicle to be moved is
3 registered under Chapter 502 for the maximum gross weight
4 applicable to the vehicle under Section 621.101 or has the
5 distinguishing license plates as provided by Section 504.504
6 [~~502.276~~] if applicable to the vehicle.

7 SECTION 13. Section 623.199(a), Transportation Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) The department may establish criteria to determine
10 whether an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that because of its
11 design for use as lift equipment exceeds the maximum weight and
12 width limitations prescribed by statute is subject to registration
13 under Chapter 502 or eligible for the distinguishing license plate
14 provided by Section 504.504 [~~502.276~~].

15 SECTION 14. Section 623.001, Transportation Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 623.001. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this chapter:

18 (1) "Department" [~~,"department"~~] means the Texas
19 Department of Transportation.

20 (2) "Shipper" means a person who consigns the movement
21 of a shipment.

22 (3) "Shipper's certificate of weight" means a document
23 described by Section 623.274.

24 SECTION 15. Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by
25 adding Subchapter N to read as follows:

26 SUBCHAPTER N. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

27 Sec. 623.271. ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT. (a) The

1 department may investigate and, except as provided by Subsection
2 (f), may impose an administrative penalty or revoke an oversize or
3 overweight permit issued under this chapter if the person or the
4 holder of the permit, as applicable:

5 (1) provides false information on the permit
6 application or another form required by the department for the
7 issuance of an oversize or overweight permit;

8 (2) violates this chapter, Chapter 621, or Chapter
9 622;

10 (3) violates a rule or order adopted under this
11 chapter, Chapter 621, or Chapter 622; or

12 (4) fails to obtain an oversize or overweight permit
13 if a permit is required.

14 (b) The notice and hearing requirements of Section 643.2525
15 apply to the imposition of an administrative penalty or the
16 revocation of a permit under this section as if the action were
17 being taken under that section.

18 (c) It is an affirmative defense to administrative
19 enforcement under this section that the person or holder of the
20 permit relied on the shipper's certificate of weight.

21 (d) The amount of an administrative penalty imposed under
22 this section is calculated in the same manner as the amount of an
23 administrative penalty imposed under Section 643.251.

24 (e) A person who has been ordered to pay an administrative
25 penalty under this section and the vehicle that is the subject of
26 the enforcement order may not be issued a permit under this chapter
27 until the amount of the penalty has been paid to the department.

1 (f) This subsection applies only to a vehicle or combination
2 that is used to transport agricultural products or timber products
3 from the place of production to the place of first marketing or
4 first processing. In connection with a violation of a vehicle or
5 combination weight restriction or limitation in this chapter,
6 Chapter 621, or Chapter 622, the department may not impose an
7 administrative penalty against a person or the holder of an
8 overweight permit if the weight of the vehicle or combination
9 involved in the violation did not exceed the allowable weight by
10 more than three percent.

11 Sec. 623.272. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY FOR FALSE INFORMATION
12 ON CERTIFICATE. (a) The department may investigate and impose an
13 administrative penalty on a shipper who provides false information
14 on a shipper's certificate of weight that the shipper delivers to a
15 person transporting a shipment.

16 (b) The notice and hearing requirements of Section 643.2525
17 apply to the imposition of an administrative penalty under this
18 section as if the action were being taken under that section.

19 (c) The amount of an administrative penalty imposed under
20 this section is calculated in the same manner as the amount of an
21 administrative penalty imposed under Section 643.251.

22 Sec. 623.273. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. (a) The attorney
23 general, at the request of the department, may petition a district
24 court for appropriate injunctive relief to prevent or abate a
25 violation of this chapter or a rule or order adopted under this
26 chapter.

27 (b) Venue in a suit for injunctive relief under this section

1 is in Travis County.

2 (c) On application for injunctive relief and a finding that
3 a person is violating or has violated this chapter or a rule or
4 order adopted under this chapter, the court shall grant the
5 appropriate relief without bond.

6 (d) The attorney general and the department may recover
7 reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining injunctive relief under
8 this section, including court costs, reasonable attorney's fees,
9 investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition expenses.

10 Sec. 623.274. SHIPPER'S CERTIFICATE OF WEIGHT. (a) The
11 department shall prescribe a form to be used for a shipper's
12 certificate of weight. The form must provide space for the maximum
13 weight of the shipment being transported.

14 (b) For a shipper's certificate of weight to be valid, the
15 shipper must:

16 (1) certify that the information contained on the form
17 is accurate; and

18 (2) deliver the certificate to the motor carrier or
19 other person transporting the shipment before the motor carrier or
20 other person applies for an overweight permit under this chapter.

21 SECTION 16. Section 643.001, Transportation Code, is
22 amended by adding Subdivision (7-a) to read as follows:

23 (7-a) "Unified carrier registration system" means a
24 motor vehicle registration system established under 49 U.S.C.
25 Section 14504a or a similar federal registration program that
26 replaces that system.

27 SECTION 17. Section 643.002, Transportation Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 Sec. 643.002. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

3 (1) motor carrier operations exempt from registration
4 by the Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section
5 14504a) or a motor vehicle registered under the single state
6 registration system established under 49 U.S.C. Section 14504(c)
7 when operating exclusively in interstate or international
8 commerce;

9 (2) a motor vehicle registered as a cotton vehicle
10 under Section 504.505 [~~502.277~~];

11 (3) a motor vehicle the department by rule exempts
12 because the vehicle is subject to comparable registration and a
13 comparable safety program administered by another governmental
14 entity;

15 (4) a motor vehicle used to transport passengers
16 operated by an entity whose primary function is not the
17 transportation of passengers, such as a vehicle operated by a
18 hotel, day-care center, public or private school, nursing home, or
19 similar organization;

20 (5) a vehicle operating under a private carrier permit
21 issued under Chapter 42, Alcoholic Beverage Code; or

22 (6) a vehicle operated by a governmental entity.

23 SECTION 18. Section 643.251(a), Transportation Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (a) The department may impose an administrative penalty
26 against a motor carrier required to register under Subchapter B
27 that violates this chapter [~~Subchapter B or C or Section 643.151,~~

1 ~~643.152, 643.153(a)-(f), or 643.155]~~ or a rule or order adopted
2 under this chapter [~~those provisions or Section 643.003. The~~
3 ~~department shall designate one or more employees to investigate~~
4 ~~violations and administer penalties under this section].~~

5 SECTION 19. The heading to Section 643.252, Transportation
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 643.252. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS [~~SUSPENSION AND~~
8 ~~REVOCAION OF REGISTRATION)].~~

9 SECTION 20. Section 643.252(a), Transportation Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (a) The department may suspend, [~~ex~~] revoke, or deny a
12 registration issued under this chapter or place on probation a
13 motor carrier whose registration is suspended if a motor carrier:

14 (1) fails to maintain insurance or evidence of
15 financial responsibility as required by Section 643.101(a), (b),
16 (c), or (d);

17 (2) fails to keep evidence of insurance in the cab of
18 each vehicle as required by Section 643.103(b);

19 (3) fails to register a vehicle requiring
20 registration;

21 (4) violates any other provision of this chapter;

22 (5) knowingly provides false information on any form
23 filed with the department under this chapter; or

24 (6) [~~5~~] violates a rule or order adopted under this
25 chapter [~~Section 643.063].~~

26 SECTION 21. Subchapter F, Chapter 643, Transportation Code,
27 is amended by adding Section 643.2525 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 643.2525. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROCESS. (a) If the
2 department determines that a violation has occurred for which an
3 enforcement action is being taken under Section 643.251 or 643.252,
4 the department shall give written notice to the motor carrier by
5 first class mail to the carrier's address as shown in the records of
6 the department.

7 (b) A notice required by Subsection (a) must include:

8 (1) a brief summary of the alleged violation;

9 (2) a statement of each administrative sanction being
10 taken;

11 (3) the effective date of each sanction;

12 (4) a statement informing the carrier of the carrier's
13 right to request a hearing; and

14 (5) a statement as to the procedure for requesting a
15 hearing, including the period during which a request must be made.

16 (c) If not later than the 26th day after the date the notice
17 is mailed the department receives a written request for a hearing,
18 the department shall set a hearing and give notice of the hearing to
19 the carrier. The hearing shall be conducted by an administrative
20 law judge of the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

21 (d) If the motor carrier does not timely request a hearing
22 under Subsection (c), the department's decision becomes final on
23 the expiration of the period described by Subsection (c).

24 (e) The administrative law judge shall make findings of fact
25 and conclusions of law and promptly issue to the director a proposal
26 for a decision as to the occurrence of the violation and the
27 administrative penalties or sanctions.

1 (f) In addition to a penalty or sanction proposed under
2 Subsection (e), the administrative law judge shall include in the
3 proposal for a decision a finding setting out costs, fees,
4 expenses, and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred by
5 the state in bringing the proceeding. The director may adopt the
6 finding and make it a part of a final order entered in the
7 proceeding.

8 (g) Based on the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and
9 proposal for a decision, the director by order may find that a
10 violation has occurred and impose the sanctions or may find that a
11 violation has not occurred.

12 (h) The director shall provide written notice to the motor
13 carrier of a finding made under Subsection (g) and shall include in
14 the notice a statement of the right of the carrier to judicial
15 review of the order.

16 (i) Before the 31st day after the date the director's order
17 under Subsection (g) becomes final as provided by Section 2001.144,
18 Government Code, the motor carrier may appeal the order by filing a
19 petition for judicial review contesting the order. Judicial review
20 is under the substantial evidence rule.

21 (j) A petition filed under Subsection (i) stays the
22 enforcement of the administrative action until the earlier of the
23 550th day after the date the petition was filed or the date a final
24 judgment is rendered by the court.

25 (k) If the motor carrier is required to pay a penalty or cost
26 under Subsection (f), failure to pay the penalty or cost before the
27 61st day after the date the requirement becomes final is a violation

1 of this chapter and may result in an additional penalty, revocation
2 or suspension of a motor carrier registration, or denial of renewal
3 of a motor carrier registration.

4 (l) A motor carrier that is required to pay a penalty, cost,
5 fee, or expense under this section or Section 643.251 is not
6 eligible for a reinstatement or renewal of a registration under
7 this chapter until all required amounts have been paid to the
8 department.

9 (m) If the suspension of a motor carrier's registration is
10 probated, the department may require the carrier to report
11 regularly to the department on any matter that is the basis of the
12 probation. Any violation of the probation may result in the
13 imposition of an administrative penalty or the revocation of the
14 registration.

15 (n) All proceedings under this section are subject to
16 Chapter 2001, Government Code.

17 SECTION 22. Section 643.254(a), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (a) To investigate an alleged violation of this chapter or a
20 rule or order adopted under this chapter [~~Subchapter B, C, or D~~], an
21 officer or employee of the department who has been certified for the
22 purpose by the director may enter a motor carrier's premises to
23 inspect, copy, or verify the correctness of a document, including
24 an operation log or insurance certificate.

25 SECTION 23. Subchapter F, Chapter 643, Transportation Code,
26 is amended by adding Section 643.255 to read as follows:

27 Sec. 643.255. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. (a) The attorney general,

1 at the request of the department, may petition a district court for
2 appropriate injunctive relief to prevent or abate a violation of
3 this chapter or a rule or order adopted under this chapter.

4 (b) Venue in a suit for injunctive relief under this section
5 is in Travis County.

6 (c) On application for injunctive relief and a finding that
7 a person is violating or has violated this chapter or a rule or
8 order adopted under this chapter, the court shall grant the
9 appropriate relief without bond.

10 (d) The attorney general and the department may recover
11 reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining injunctive relief under
12 this section, including court costs, reasonable attorney's fees,
13 investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition expenses.

14 SECTION 24. Section 645.001, Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 645.001. FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER [~~SINGLE STATE~~]
17 REGISTRATION. The Texas Department of Transportation may [~~shall~~],
18 to the fullest extent practicable, participate in a federal motor
19 carrier registration program under the unified carrier
20 registration system as defined by Section 643.001 or the single
21 state registration system established under 49 U.S.C. Section
22 14504.

23 SECTION 25. Section 645.003, Transportation Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 645.003. ENFORCEMENT RULES. The department shall
26 adopt rules that are consistent with federal law providing for [+]

27 [~~1~~] administrative penalties and sanctions for a

1 failure to register as required by the unified carrier registration
2 system or single state registration system or for a violation of
3 this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter in the same manner
4 as Subchapter F, Chapter 643 [~~Section 643.251; and~~
5 ~~(2) suspension and revocation of registration in the~~
6 ~~same manner as Section 643.252~~].

7 SECTION 26. The following laws are repealed:

8 (1) Sections 643.251(d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j),
9 (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), and (r), Transportation Code; and

10 (2) Sections 643.252(c), (d), and (e), Transportation
11 Code.

12 SECTION 27. (a) Subchapter N, Chapter 623, Transportation
13 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a violation that occurs,
14 or information that is provided to the Texas Department of
15 Transportation, on or after the effective date of this Act.

16 (b) Section 643.2525, Transportation Code, as added by this
17 Act, applies only to a violation for which an enforcement action
18 under Section 643.251 or 643.252, Transportation Code, is commenced
19 on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of when the
20 violation occurred. An action commenced under Section 643.251 or
21 643.252, Transportation Code, before the effective date of this Act
22 is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective
23 date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
24 purpose.

25 (c) Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (d) of this
26 section, the changes in law made by this Act relating to the amount
27 or disposition of a fee collected by the Texas Department of

1 Transportation in connection with a permit for an overweight or
2 oversize vehicle apply only to a permit that is applied for on or
3 after the effective date of this Act.

4 (d) The changes in law made by this Act relating to the
5 amount or disposition of a fee collected by the Texas Department of
6 Transportation do not apply to a permit for an overweight or
7 oversize vehicle applied for in connection with the delivery of
8 pre-stressed concrete girders and beams under a construction
9 contract for a public road or bridge infrastructure project
10 executed before the effective date of this Act. The amount and
11 disposition of the fee for the permit is governed by the law in
12 effect at the time the construction contract was executed, and the
13 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

14 SECTION 28. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2093 was passed by the House on May 9, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2093 on May 25, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2093 on May 28, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2093

I certify that H.B. No. 2093 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2093 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor