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S.B. No. 331

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maximum length for certain vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 622.902, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 622.902. LENGTH EXCEPTIONS. The length limitations provided by Sections 621.203 to 621.205 do not apply to:

(1) machinery used exclusively for drilling water wells, including machinery that is itself a unit or that is a unit mounted on a conventional vehicle or chassis;

(2) a vehicle owned or operated by a public, private, or volunteer fire department;

(3) a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated exclusively in the territory of a municipality or to a combination of vehicles operated by a municipality in a suburb adjoining the municipality in which the municipality has been using the equipment or similar equipment in connection with an established service to the suburb;

(4) a truck-tractor, truck-tractor combination, or truck-trailer combination exclusively transporting machinery, materials, and equipment used in the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, including pipelines, that are used for the discovery, production, and processing of natural gas or petroleum;

1           (5) a drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter  
2 combination or a drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle  
3 transporter combination, as defined by 23 C.F.R. Part 658 or its  
4 successor, if:

5                   (A) the overall length of the combination is not  
6 longer than 97 [~~75~~] feet; and

7                   (B) the combination does not have more than three  
8 saddlemounted vehicles if the combination does not include more  
9 than one fullmount vehicle;

10           (6) the combination of a tow truck and another vehicle  
11 or vehicle combination if:

12                   (A) the other vehicle or vehicle combination  
13 cannot be normally or safely driven or was abandoned on a highway;  
14 and

15                   (B) the tow truck is towing the other vehicle or  
16 vehicle combination directly to the nearest authorized place of  
17 repair, terminal, or destination of unloading; or

18           (7) a vehicle or combination of vehicles used to  
19 transport a combine that is used in farm custom harvesting  
20 operations on a farm if the overall length of the vehicle or  
21 combination is not longer than 75 feet.

22           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.