

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 331
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1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the maximum length for certain vehicles.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 622.902, Transportation Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 622.902. LENGTH EXCEPTIONS. The length limitations
1-14 provided by Sections 621.203 to 621.205 do not apply to:

1-15 (1) machinery used exclusively for drilling water
1-16 wells, including machinery that is itself a unit or that is a unit
1-17 mounted on a conventional vehicle or chassis;

1-18 (2) a vehicle owned or operated by a public, private,
1-19 or volunteer fire department;

1-20 (3) a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated
1-21 exclusively in the territory of a municipality or to a combination
1-22 of vehicles operated by a municipality in a suburb adjoining the
1-23 municipality in which the municipality has been using the equipment
1-24 or similar equipment in connection with an established service to
1-25 the suburb;

1-26 (4) a truck-tractor, truck-tractor combination, or
1-27 truck-trailer combination exclusively transporting machinery,
1-28 materials, and equipment used in the construction, operation, and
1-29 maintenance of facilities, including pipelines, that are used for
1-30 the discovery, production, and processing of natural gas or
1-31 petroleum;

1-32 (5) a drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter
1-33 combination or a drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle
1-34 transporter combination, as defined by 23 C.F.R. Part 658 or its
1-35 successor, if:

1-36 (A) the overall length of the combination is not
1-37 longer than 97 [~~75~~] feet; and

1-38 (B) the combination does not have more than three
1-39 saddlemounted vehicles if the combination does not include more
1-40 than one fullmount vehicle;

1-41 (6) the combination of a tow truck and another vehicle
1-42 or vehicle combination if:

1-43 (A) the other vehicle or vehicle combination
1-44 cannot be normally or safely driven or was abandoned on a highway;
1-45 and

1-46 (B) the tow truck is towing the other vehicle or
1-47 vehicle combination directly to the nearest authorized place of
1-48 repair, terminal, or destination of unloading; or

1-49 (7) a vehicle or combination of vehicles used to
1-50 transport a combine that is used in farm custom harvesting
1-51 operations on a farm if the overall length of the vehicle or
1-52 combination is not longer than 75 feet.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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