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H.B. No. 3080

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a permit for the operation of certain
overweight vehicle combinations.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by
adding Subchapter B-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B-1. ANNUAL OVERWEIGHT PERMIT

Sec. 623.021. ANNUAL OVERWEIGHT PERMIT. (a) In this
section, "commercial motor vehicle," "semitrailer," "trailer," and
"vehicle" have the meanings assigned by Section 621.001.

(b) The department may issue a permit that authorizes the
operation of a combination of a commercial motor vehicle and a
loaded trailer or semitrailer:

(1) at an axle weight that is not heavier than the
weight equal to the maximum allowable axle weight for the vehicle or
combination plus a tolerance allowance of 10 percent of that
allowable weight; and

(2) at a gross weight that is not heavier than 92,000
pounds.

(c) To qualify for a permit under this section:

(1) the vehicle combination must include a total of
six or more axles; and

(2) an applicant for the permit must pay a permit fee
of \$5,000 to the department.

1 (d) A permit issued under this section:

2 (1) is valid for one year; and

3 (2) must be carried in the vehicle for which it is
4 issued.

5 (e) The Texas Transportation Commission shall adopt rules
6 as necessary to implement this section.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.