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H.B. No. 3761

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a border agricultural inspection training program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.049 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.049. BORDER AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) The department may create and administer a program to train department employees to meet federal standards for agricultural inspectors performing inspections at ports of entry along the border with the United Mexican States.

(b) The department shall allow for department employees trained under Subsection (a) to assist and augment the United States Custom and Border Protection and United States Department of Agriculture with agricultural inspections at ports of entry along the border with the United Mexican States with the goal of reducing United States Department of Agriculture inspection times.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.