

AN ACT

relating to route designation for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 623.219(a) and (b), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) For a permit issued by a port authority located in a county that borders the United Mexican States, the commission shall, with the consent of the port authority, designate the most direct route from:

(1) the Gateway International Bridge or the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates to the entrance of the Port of Brownsville using State Highways 48 and 4 or United States Highways 77 and 83 or using United States Highway 77 and United States Highway 83, East Loop Corridor, and State Highway 4; and

(2) the Free Trade International Bridge to:

(A) the entrance of the Port of Brownsville using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highways 77 and 83, Farm-to-Market Road 511, State Highway 550, and East Loop (State Highway 32);

(B) the eastern entrance of the Port of Harlingen using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highway 77 Business, and Farm-to-Market Road 1846;

(C) the western entrance of the Port of Harlingen

1 using Farm-to-Market Roads 509 and 106;

2 (D) the southern entrance of the Harlingen
3 Industrial Park using Farm-to-Market Road 509; and

4 (E) the southern entrance of the Harlingen
5 Aerotropolis at Valley International Airport using Farm-to-Market
6 Road 509.

7 (b) For a permit issued by a port authority located in a
8 county that is adjacent to at least two counties with a population
9 of 550,000 or more, the commission shall, with the consent of the
10 port authority, designate the most direct route from:

11 (1) the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 523 and
12 Moller Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using Farm-to-Market
13 Roads 523 and 1495;

14 (2) the intersection of State Highway 288 and Chlorine
15 Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highway 288; ~~and~~

16 (3) the intersection of State Highway 288 and Chlorine
17 Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highways 288 and
18 332 and Farm-to-Market Roads 523 and 1495;

19 (4) the intersection of North Velasco Boulevard and
20 South Avenue J in the city of Freeport to the entrance of Port
21 Freeport using North Velasco Boulevard and Farm-to-Market Road
22 1495; and

23 (5) 21441 Loop 419 in the city of Sweeny to the
24 entrance of Port Freeport using Loop 419, State Highways 35 and 36,
25 and Farm-to-Market Road 1495.

26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1321 was passed by the House on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1321 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor