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H.B. No. 2085

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration and oversight of overweight corridors; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 623.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 623.004. ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT OF OVERWEIGHT CORRIDORS. (a) In this section, "overweight corridor" means a designated section of a state highway for which an optional procedure is authorized under this chapter for the issuance of permits:

(1) by entities other than the Texas Department of Transportation or the department; and

(2) for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles.

(b) The Texas Department of Transportation shall, after receiving input from local officials:

(1) set minimum requirements for determining the feasibility, viability, and economic impact of additional overweight corridors that take into consideration traffic volume, safety concerns, ability to recover costs, and the role of overweight corridors within a statewide plan for freight mobility;

(2) use the requirements set under Subdivision (1) to periodically develop recommendations for additional overweight

1 corridors that would benefit the state;

2 (3) include any recommendations developed under
3 Subdivision (2) in the plan described by Section 201.6011; and

4 (4) create a pavement management plan for each
5 operational overweight corridor.

6 (c) The Texas Department of Transportation, in consultation
7 with interested parties, shall:

8 (1) establish performance measures for each
9 operational overweight corridor; and

10 (2) include in the plan described by Section 201.6011
11 the results of an evaluation using the performance measures
12 disaggregated by overweight corridor.

13 (d) An entity issuing overweight corridor permits under
14 this chapter shall:

15 (1) report information necessary for an evaluation
16 using performance measures established under Subsection (c) to the
17 Texas Department of Transportation; and

18 (2) in setting a fee for the permit, consider the
19 pavement management plan created under Subsection (b)(4) for the
20 overweight corridor.

21 (e) The department may:

22 (1) issue overweight corridor permits on behalf of an
23 entity authorized to issue the permits under this chapter; and

24 (2) establish and charge a fee for issuing a permit
25 under Subdivision (1) in an amount sufficient to recover the actual
26 cost of issuance.

27 (f) A fee collected under Subsection (e)(2) shall be sent to

1 the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the Texas Department of
2 Motor Vehicles fund and may be appropriated only to the department
3 for the administration of this section.

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