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H.B. No. 2861

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by the City of Laredo for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Webb County; authorizing a fee and adding a provision subject to criminal penalties.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER T. WEBB COUNTY PERMITS

Sec. 623.381. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE. This subchapter provides an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by the City of Laredo for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain roads located in Webb County.

Sec. 623.382. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS. The commission may authorize the City of Laredo to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Webb County on:

(1) the following roads:

(A) State Highway Loop 20 between its intersection with the World Trade Bridge and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1472;

(B) Farm-to-Market Road 1472 between its intersection with State Highway Loop 20 and the northernmost of its intersections with World Trade Center Loop;

(C) Farm-to-Market Road 1472 between the

1 northernmost of its intersections with World Trade Center Loop and
2 its intersection with Hachar Loop, if the Hachar Loop project in the
3 city of Laredo is constructed;

4 (D) Hachar Loop between its intersection with
5 Farm-to-Market Road 1472 and its intersection with Beltway Parkway,
6 if the Hachar Loop project in the city of Laredo is constructed; and

7 (E) Beltway Parkway between its intersection
8 with Hachar Loop and its intersection with Interstate Highway 35,
9 if the Hachar Loop project in the city of Laredo is constructed; or

10 (2) another route designated by the commission in
11 consultation with the city.

12 Sec. 623.383. PERMIT FEES. (a) The City of Laredo may
13 collect a fee for permits issued under this subchapter. Beginning
14 September 1, 2015, the maximum amount of the fee may not exceed \$200
15 per trip. On September 1 of each subsequent year, the city may
16 adjust the maximum fee amount as necessary to reflect the
17 percentage change during the preceding year in the Consumer Price
18 Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, published
19 monthly by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics or its
20 successor in function.

21 (b) Fees collected under Subsection (a) shall be used only
22 for the operation and maintenance of the roads described by or
23 designated under Section 623.382. The City of Laredo shall make
24 payments to the Texas Department of Transportation to provide funds
25 for the operation and maintenance of roads and highways subject to
26 this subchapter.

27 Sec. 623.384. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (a) A permit issued

under this subchapter must include:

(1) the name of the applicant;

(2) the date of issuance;

(3) the signature of the designated agent for the City of Laredo;

(4) a statement of the kind of cargo being transported, the maximum weight and dimensions of the equipment, and the kind and weight of each commodity to be transported;

(5) a statement:

(A) that the gross weight of the vehicle for which a permit is issued may not exceed 125,000 pounds; and

(B) of any other condition on which the permit is issued;

(6) a statement that the cargo may be transported in Webb County only over the roads described by or designated under Section 623.382; and

(7) the location where the cargo was loaded.

(b) The City of Laredo shall report to the department all permits issued under this subchapter.

Sec. 623.385. TIME OF MOVEMENT. A permit issued under this subchapter must specify the time during which movement authorized by the permit is allowed.

Sec. 623.386. SPEED LIMIT. Movement authorized by a permit issued under this subchapter may not exceed the posted speed limit or 55 miles per hour, whichever is less. A violation of this provision constitutes a moving violation.

Sec. 623.387. ENFORCEMENT. The Department of Public Safety

1 has authority to enforce this subchapter.

2 Sec. 623.388. RULES. The commission may adopt rules
3 necessary to implement this subchapter.

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