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H.B. No. 3061

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the movement of vehicles transporting ocean cargo shipping containers; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 623.0172 to read as follows:

Sec. 623.0172. OCEAN CARGO SHIPPING CONTAINERS. (a) In this section, "ocean cargo shipping container" means an enclosed, standardized, reusable container that:

(1) is used to pack, ship, move, or transport freight articles, goods, or commodities;

(2) is designed to be carried on a trailer and loaded onto a vessel for ocean-borne transportation; and

(3) exceeds the weight limitations of this chapter.

(b) The department may issue an annual permit for the movement of ocean cargo shipping containers on a trailer with three axles if the combination of vehicles transporting the containers has:

(1) a single axle weight of not more than 20,000 pounds;

(2) a tandem axle weight of not more than 40,000 pounds;

(3) a tri-axle weight of not more than 60,000 pounds; and

1           (4) a gross weight of not more than 97,000 pounds.

2           (c) The amount of the fee for an annual permit issued under  
3 this section is \$1,000.

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