

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 1338
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2015; March 18, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 23, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 23, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16			X	
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1338 By: Huffines

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to an exemption from length limitations for certain
 1-22 vehicles or combinations of vehicles used to transport harvest
 1-23 machines.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 622.902, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 622.902. LENGTH EXCEPTIONS. The length limitations
 1-28 provided by Sections 621.203 to 621.205 do not apply to:

1-29 (1) machinery used exclusively for drilling water
 1-30 wells, including machinery that is itself a unit or that is a unit
 1-31 mounted on a conventional vehicle or chassis;

1-32 (2) a vehicle owned or operated by a public, private,
 1-33 or volunteer fire department;

1-34 (3) a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated
 1-35 exclusively in the territory of a municipality or to a combination
 1-36 of vehicles operated by a municipality in a suburb adjoining the
 1-37 municipality in which the municipality has been using the equipment
 1-38 or similar equipment in connection with an established service to
 1-39 the suburb;

1-40 (4) a truck-tractor, truck-tractor combination, or
 1-41 truck-trailer combination exclusively transporting machinery,
 1-42 materials, and equipment used in the construction, operation, and
 1-43 maintenance of facilities, including pipelines, that are used for
 1-44 the discovery, production, and processing of natural gas or
 1-45 petroleum;

1-46 (5) a drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter
 1-47 combination or a drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle
 1-48 transporter combination, as defined by 23 C.F.R. Part 658 or its
 1-49 successor, if:

1-50 (A) the overall length of the combination is not
 1-51 longer than 97 feet; and

1-52 (B) the combination does not have more than three
 1-53 saddlemounted vehicles if the combination does not include more
 1-54 than one fullmount vehicle;

1-55 (6) the combination of a tow truck and another vehicle
 1-56 or vehicle combination if:

1-57 (A) the other vehicle or vehicle combination
 1-58 cannot be normally or safely driven or was abandoned on a highway;
 1-59 and

1-60 (B) the tow truck is towing the other vehicle or

2-1 vehicle combination directly to the nearest authorized place of
2-2 repair, terminal, or destination of unloading; ~~or~~

2-3 (7) a vehicle or combination of vehicles used to
2-4 transport a harvest machine ~~[combine]~~ that is used in farm custom
2-5 harvesting operations on a farm if the overall length of the vehicle
2-6 or combination is not longer than:

2-7 (A) 75 feet if the vehicle is traveling on a
2-8 highway that is part of the national system of interstate and
2-9 defense highways or the federal aid primary highway system; or

2-10 (B) 81-1/2 feet if the vehicle is not traveling
2-11 on a highway that is part of the national system of interstate and
2-12 defense highways or the federal aid primary highway system; or

2-13 (8) a truck-tractor operated in combination with a
2-14 semitrailer and trailer or semitrailer and semitrailer if:

2-15 (A) the combination is used to transport a
2-16 harvest machine that is used in farm custom harvesting operations
2-17 on a farm;

2-18 (B) the overall length of the combination,
2-19 excluding the length of the truck-tractor, is not longer than
2-20 81-1/2 feet; and

2-21 (C) the combination is traveling on a highway
2-22 that:

2-23 (i) is not part of the national system of
2-24 interstate and defense highways or the federal aid primary highway
2-25 system; and

2-26 (ii) is located in a county with a
2-27 population of less than 50,000.

2-28 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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