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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY:

1 Amend 6.S.S. B. No. 312 by adding the following appropriately
2 numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the subsequent
3 SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter I, Chapter 622, Transportation
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 622.102 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 622.102. VEHICLES TRANSPORTING CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL
7 PRODUCTS DURING HARVEST SEASON. (a) This section applies only to a
8 vehicle or a combination of vehicles being used to transport
9 sugarcane or grains, including sorghum, in their natural state not
10 more than 100 miles from the place of production to the place of
11 first marketing or first processing.

12 (b) A vehicle or combination of vehicles to which this
13 section applies may be operated at a weight that exceeds the weight
14 limitations of Section 621.101 by not more than 10 percent if the
15 vehicle or combination of vehicles is operated:

16 (1) during the harvest season for the products being
17 transported; and

18 (2) in a county that is:

19 (A) located on the Texas-Mexico border and
20 adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico;

21 (B) adjacent to a county described by Paragraph
22 (A); or

23 (C) adjacent to a county described by Paragraph
24 (B) and has a population of more than 60,000.

25 (c) The department, in coordination with the Texas A&M
26 AgriLife Extension Service, by rule shall determine the harvest
27 season of each agricultural product authorized to be transported
28 under this section.

29 (d) This section does not authorize the operation on the

1 national system of interstate and defense highways in this state of
2 a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight greater
3 than that permitted under 23 U.S.C. Section 127.

4 (e) This section does not authorize the operation of a
5 vehicle or combination of vehicles in excess of the weight
6 authorized for a load-zoned bridge in this state.