

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of permits for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties; authorizing an increase in the amount of a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 623.210, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 623.210. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE. This subchapter provides an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state highways located in counties:

(1) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf and:

(A) ~~[(1)]~~ adjacent to at least two counties with a population of 550,000 or more; or

(B) ~~[(2)]~~ bordering the United Mexican States; or

(2) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf with a population of not more than 200,000 and adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1)(A).

SECTION 2. Section 623.212, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 623.212. PERMITS BY PORT AUTHORITY. The commission may authorize a port authority to issue permits for the movement of

1 oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state highways
2 located in counties:

3 (1) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
4 opening into the gulf and:

5 (A) [~~(1)~~] adjacent to at least two counties with
6 a population of 550,000 or more; or

7 (B) [~~(2)~~] bordering the United Mexican States;
8 or

9 (2) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
10 opening into the gulf with a population of not more than 200,000 and
11 adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1)(A).

12 SECTION 3. Section 623.214(a), Transportation Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (a) A port authority may collect a fee for permits issued
15 under this subchapter. Such fees shall not exceed \$120 [~~\$80~~] per
16 trip.

17 SECTION 4. Section 623.219(b), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b) For a permit issued by a port authority located in a
20 county that is adjacent to at least two counties with a population
21 of 550,000 or more, the commission shall, with the consent of the
22 port authority, designate the most direct route from:

23 (1) the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 523 and
24 Moller Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using Farm-to-Market
25 Roads 523 and 1495;

26 (2) the intersection of State Highway 288 and Chlorine
27 Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highway 288;

1 (3) the intersection of State Highway 288 and Chlorine
2 Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highways 288 and
3 332 and Farm-to-Market Roads 523 and 1495;

4 (4) the intersection of North Velasco Boulevard and
5 South Avenue J in the city of Freeport to the entrance of Port
6 Freeport using North Velasco Boulevard and Farm-to-Market Road
7 1495; ~~and~~

8 (5) 21441 Loop 419 in the city of Sweeny to the
9 entrance of Port Freeport using Loop 419, State Highways 35 and 36,
10 and Farm-to-Market Road 1495; and

11 (6) 5261 Seventh Street in Bay City to the entrance of
12 Port Freeport using State Highway 35, Loop 419, State Highway 36,
13 and Farm-to-Market Road 1495.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4156 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4156 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor