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S.B. No. 1550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation of the effects of restricting trucks from the use of one lane of a highway.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

(1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Transportation.

(2) "Highway" means a public highway that:

(A) is in the designated state highway system;

(B) is designated a controlled access facility;

and

(C) has a minimum of three travel lanes, excluding access or frontage roads, in each direction of traffic that may be part of a single roadway or may be separate roadways that are constructed as an upper and lower deck.

(3) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily to transport property.

(b) The department shall conduct a traffic study on all highways evaluating the effect of restricting trucks from the use of one lane of those highways.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2018, the department shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the legislature a report containing the results of the study.

(d) This Act expires January 31, 2019.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.