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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 644.101, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(a)  The department shall establish procedures, including training, for the certification of municipal police officers, sheriffs, [~~and~~] deputy sheriffs, constables, and deputy constables to enforce this chapter.

(c)  A sheriff, [~~or a~~] deputy sheriff, constable, or deputy constable of any of the following counties [~~a county bordering the United Mexican States or of a county with a population of 700,000 or more~~] is eligible to apply for certification under this section:

(1)  a county bordering the United Mexican States;

(2)  a county with a population of 700,000 or more;

(3)  a county adjacent to a county with a population of 700,000 or more;

(4)  a county with a population of 400,000 or more that borders the county in which the State Capitol is located;

(5)  a county that has a population of more than 450,000 and borders a county with a population of more than 3.3 million; or

(6)  a county with a population of more than 500 and less than 1,000 all or part of which is located within 75 miles of the United Mexican States.

(c-1)  A sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or deputy constable of a county with a population of more than 450,000 that borders a county with a population of more than 3.3 million is eligible to apply for certification under this section.

SECTION 2.  Section 644.103(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  A municipal police officer who is certified under Section 644.101 may stop, enter, or detain on a highway or at a port of entry within the territory of the municipality a motor vehicle that is subject to this chapter. A sheriff, [~~or~~] deputy sheriff, constable, or deputy constable who is certified under Section 644.101 may stop, enter, or detain on a highway or at a port of entry within the territory of the county a motor vehicle that is subject to this chapter.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.