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H.B. No. 260

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a cross-border motor vehicle traffic congestion web portal.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.2075 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.2075. CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC CONGESTION WEB PORTAL.

(a) The department in collaboration with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall develop and maintain a publicly accessible web portal designed to provide real-time information regarding motor vehicle movements at ports of entry between this state and the United Mexican States and in surrounding areas for the purpose of alleviating cross-border motor vehicle traffic congestion. The web portal must provide integrated information related to:

- (1) wait times and crossing times;
- (2) real-time traffic volumes;
- (3) the number of motor vehicles at the crossing;
- (4) the number of and type of lanes that are open at the crossing; and
- (5) determining accurate travel times on both sides of the crossing, including travel times between specified destinations.

(b) In developing and maintaining the web portal, the

1 department may collaborate with other governmental entities,  
2 including federal agencies, state and local transportation  
3 agencies of this state or the United Mexican States, and political  
4 subdivisions of this state or the United Mexican States.

5 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department is not  
6 required to develop the web portal if the web portal would duplicate  
7 an existing web-based platform provided by the federal government  
8 that provides all the information described by Subsections  
9 (a)(1)-(5) for the purpose of alleviating cross-border motor  
10 vehicle traffic congestion.

11 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2021, the Texas  
12 Department of Transportation shall develop the web portal required  
13 under Section 201.2075, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.