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H.B. No. 1720

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study on the benefits of using certain motor vehicle  
3 technologies to alleviate traffic congestion at certain ports of  
4 entry in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. STUDY. (a) In this section:

7 (1) "Automated driving system" has the meaning  
8 assigned by Section 545.451, Transportation Code.

9 (2) "Connected driving system" means hardware and  
10 software that, when installed on a motor vehicle and engaged, allow  
11 the vehicle to electronically communicate with other vehicles and  
12 transportation infrastructure.

13 (b) The Texas Department of Transportation and the  
14 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas shall jointly  
15 conduct a study on the potential benefits of using automated  
16 driving systems and connected driving systems in alleviating motor  
17 vehicle traffic congestion at ports of entry between this state and  
18 the United Mexican States.

19 (c) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas Department of  
20 Transportation and the Department of Public Safety of the State of  
21 Texas shall jointly submit to the governor, the lieutenant  
22 governor, and the legislature a report on the results of the study  
23 conducted under this section.

24 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires September 1,

1 2020.

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