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H.B. No. 1778

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting
3 agricultural products.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 622, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 622.102 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 622.102. VEHICLES TRANSPORTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
8 DURING HARVEST SEASON. (a) This section applies only to a vehicle
9 or a combination of vehicles being used to transport agricultural
10 products that are in their natural state and are being transported
11 not more than 100 miles from the place of production to the place of
12 first marketing or first processing.

13 (b) A vehicle or combination of vehicles to which this
14 section applies may be operated at a weight that exceeds the weight
15 limitations of Section 621.101 by not more than 10 percent if the
16 vehicle or combination of vehicles is operated during the harvest
17 season for the products being transported.

18 (c) The department, in coordination with the Texas A&M
19 AgriLife Extension Service, by rule shall determine the harvest
20 season of each agricultural product authorized to be transported
21 under this section.

22 (d) This section does not authorize the operation on the
23 national system of interstate and defense highways in this state of
24 a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a weight greater than that

1 permitted under 23 U.S.C. Section 127.

2 (e) This section does not authorize the operation of a
3 vehicle or combination of vehicles in excess of the weight
4 authorized for a load-zoned bridge in this state.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.