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H.B. No. 3161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a vehicle transporting equipment used to load timber.

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

SECTION 1. Section 623.321(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department may issue a permit under this subchapter, as an alternative to a permit issued under Section 623.011, authorizing a person to operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles that is being used to transport unrefined timber, wood chips, or woody biomass or equipment used to load timber on a vehicle in a county identified as a timber producing county in the most recent edition of the Texas A&M Forest Service's Harvest Trends Report as of May 15, 2013, at the weight limits prescribed by Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. Section 623.323(f), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) This section does not apply to a vehicle or combination of vehicles that are being used to transport unrefined timber, wood chips, or woody biomass or equipment used to load timber on a vehicle from:

- (1) a storage yard to the place of first processing; or
- (2) outside this state to a place of first processing in this state.

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