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S.B. No. 1717

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a permit by certain port authorities for the operation and movement of oversize vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 623.212, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 623.212. PERMITS BY PORT AUTHORITY. (a) The commission may authorize a port authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state highways located in counties:

(1) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf and:

(A) adjacent to at least two counties with a population of 550,000 or more; or

(B) bordering the United Mexican States; or

(2) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf with a population of not more than 200,000 and adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1)(A).

(b) A permit issued under this subchapter may authorize the movement of a combination of vehicles that exceed the maximum length allowed by other law to be transported over a state highway only if the combination:

(1) uses only the routes designated under Section 623.219; and

1 (2) is carrying cargo across an international border.

2 (c) A port authority may not issue a permit under this
3 section unless the combination of vehicles may be operated without
4 material damage to the highway.

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