By:  Smith (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 4073

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021; May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; May 19, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

Seliger           X

Alvarado          X

Blanco            X

Hancock           X

Hinojosa          X

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

West              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a vehicle or combination of vehicles on a state highway or farm or ranch road at a weight that exceeds the maximum weight authorized for the road; imposing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 621.102, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g)  Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person may not operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles on a road for which the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation has set a maximum weight under this section if the weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the maximum weight set by the executive director.

SECTION 2.  Section 621.506(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  A person commits an offense if the person:

(1)  operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles in violation of Section 621.101, 621.102, 622.012, 622.031, 622.041, 622.0435, 622.051, 622.061, 622.133, 622.953, or 623.162; or

(2)  loads a vehicle or causes a vehicle to be loaded in violation of Section 621.503.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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