By:  Hinojosa S.B. No. 1553

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to weight limitations for over-the-road buses.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 622, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 622.956 to read as follows:

Sec. 622.956.  OVER-THE-ROAD BUS. (a) In this section, "over-the-road bus" has the meaning assigned by 42 U.S.C. Section 12181.

(b)  An over-the-road bus may be operated on a public highway of this state only if the gross weight and tires of the bus conform to Section 621.101 and:

(1)  the single axle weight is not heavier than 24,000 pounds and the tandem axle weight does not exceed the maximum tandem axle weight under Section 621.101 by more than 20 percent; and

(2)  the tire ratings for tires used on the over-the-road bus demonstrate a tire load capacity in excess of the axle weights determined under subsection (1).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.