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S.B. No. 1308

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1308:

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C.S.S.B. No. 1308

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study on the impacts of using certain motor vehicle  
3 technologies.

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

5 SECTION 1. STUDY. (a) In this section:

6 (1) "Automated driving system" has the meaning  
7 assigned by Section 545.451, Transportation Code.

8 (2) "Connected driving system" means hardware and  
9 software that, when installed on a motor vehicle and engaged, allow  
10 the vehicle to electronically communicate with other vehicles and  
11 transportation infrastructure.

12 (b) The Texas Department of Transportation and the  
13 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, in consultation  
14 with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and the appropriate  
15 federal agencies, shall jointly conduct a study on:

16 (1) the potential benefits of using automated driving  
17 systems, connected driving systems, and other emerging  
18 technologies to alleviate motor vehicle traffic congestion at ports  
19 of entry between this state and the United Mexican States; and

20 (2) the overall impact of using automated driving  
21 systems, connected driving systems, and other emerging  
22 technologies on the transportation industry workforce and the  
23 broader Texas economy, including the effects on driver and public  
24 safety.

1           (c) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Texas Department of  
2 Transportation and the Department of Public Safety of the State of  
3 Texas shall jointly submit to the governor, the lieutenant  
4 governor, and the legislature a report on the results of the study  
5 conducted under this section.

6           SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires September 1,  
7 2023.

8           SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
9 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
10 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
11 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
12 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.