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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.