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S.B. No. 1828

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the movement of certain vehicles transporting steel products made in the United States; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter W to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER W. VEHICLES TRANSPORTING UNITED STATES STEEL PRODUCTS

Sec. 623.451. ISSUANCE OF PERMIT. (a) The department may issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles transporting steel products made in the United States in Dallas, Ellis, and Johnson Counties on:

(1) the following roadways:

(A) Miller Road in Midlothian from the intersection of Miller Road and Challenger to the intersection of Miller Road and U.S. Highway 67;

(B) the most direct route from the intersection of U.S. Highway 67 and County Road 607 in Alvarado to the intersection of U.S. Highway 67 and U.S. Highway 287 using U.S. Highway 67 Business, and U.S. Highway 67;

(C) Ward Road in Midlothian;

(D) Edgefield Way in Cedar Hill;

(E) the most direct route from Edgefield Way in Cedar Hill to the intersection of U.S. Highway 67 and U.S. Highway 287 using U.S. Highway 67;

1           (F) Sentry Drive in Mansfield; and

2           (G) the most direct route from Sentry Drive in  
3 Mansfield to the intersection of U.S. Highway 67 and U.S. Highway  
4 287 using U.S. Highway 287 Business and U.S. Highway 287; or

5           (2) another route designated by the department.

6           (b) The gross weight of a vehicle operating under a permit  
7 issued under this subchapter may not exceed 96,000 pounds.

8           Sec. 623.452. PERMIT FEES. (a) The department may collect  
9 a fee for permits issued under this subchapter.

10           (b) Fees collected under Subsection (a) shall be deposited  
11 in the state highway fund and may be used only for the operation and  
12 maintenance of the roadways described by or designated under  
13 Section 623.451.

14           Sec. 623.453. TIME OF MOVEMENT. A permit issued under this  
15 subchapter must specify the time during which movement authorized  
16 by the permit is allowed.

17           Sec. 623.454. SPEED LIMIT. Movement authorized by a permit  
18 issued under this subchapter may not exceed the posted speed limit  
19 or 55 miles per hour, whichever is less. A violation of this  
20 provision constitutes a moving violation.

21           Sec. 623.455. RULES. The department shall adopt rules  
22 necessary to implement this subchapter, including rules governing  
23 the application for a permit under this subchapter.

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