

Amend **SB 1418** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 623.212, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 623.212. PERMITS BY PORT AUTHORITY. Subject to Section 623.213, the ~~[The]~~ commission may authorize a port authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state highways located in counties:

(1) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf and:

(A) adjacent to at least two counties with a population of 550,000 or more; or

(B) bordering the United Mexican States; or

(2) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf with a population of not more than 200,000 and adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1)(A).

SECTION _____. Subchapter K, Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 623.213 to read as follows:

Sec. 623.213. REQUIREMENTS OF PORT AUTHORITIES. (a) In this section, "permitting and routing optimization system" means the department's Internet-based system that allows a person to apply for a permit for an oversize or overweight vehicle online and provides customized route maps for permitted vehicles.

(b) A port authority may only issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles in accordance with this subchapter if the port authority complies with the requirements of this section.

(c) A port authority that issues a permit under this subchapter shall ensure that appropriate safety personnel are on site at each terminal of the authority at all times the terminal is in operation to ensure the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles to or from the terminal complies with applicable state and federal laws.

(d) Each time an oversize or overweight vehicle enters or exits a terminal of a port authority that issues a permit under this

subchapter, the port authority shall:

(1) weigh the vehicle using a scale that complies with the standards of the National Type Evaluation Program; and

(2) certify on the permitting and routing optimization system:

(A) the vehicle's weight at the time the vehicle enters and exits a terminal of the authority; and

(B) that the vehicle has the appropriate permit issued under this subchapter.

(e) A port authority may delegate the performance of the duties prescribed by Subsections (c) and (d) to a terminal operator that operates within the jurisdiction of the port authority.