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S.B. No. 1364

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to weight limitations for certain natural gas or electric vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 621.101(b-1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a vehicle ~~[or combination of vehicles]~~ that is powered by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas or powered primarily by means of electric battery power may exceed the gross [any] weight limitation under this section for the vehicle by up to 2,000 pounds ~~[an amount that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by that vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system]~~, provided that the maximum gross weight of the vehicle ~~[or combination of vehicles]~~ may not exceed 82,000 pounds.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.