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TO: Honorable Briscoe Cain, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5225 by Guillen (Relating to the issuance of an excess gross weight permit for certain farm tractors on county and FM roads; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter B, to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue an annual permit to authorize the operation of a farm tractor and accessories that are used for agricultural production on county and farm-to-market roads at a gross weight equal to the maximum allowable gross weight for the tractor plus a tolerance allowance of 10 percent. The bill would establish an annual fee of \$90 for the permit.

Note: This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either in, with, or outside the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

The bill does not prescribe the disposition of the new permit fee. Based on the information provided by TxDMV and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 623.005, ten percent of the fee collected would be deposited to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund and the remainder would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund. Based on the analysis provided by TxDMV regarding the anticipated number of permits that would be issued, it is assumed implementation of the bill would not result in a significant impact to state revenue. Based on the information provided by TxDMV, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the department's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

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