

By: Lopez of Cameron

H.B. No. 1978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the route designation for the issuance of a permit for
3 the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain
4 counties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 623.219(a), Transportation Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) For a permit issued by a port authority located in a
9 county that borders the United Mexican States, the commission
10 ~~shall~~, with the consent of the port authority:

11 (1) ~~shall~~~~7~~ designate the most direct route from:

12 (A) ~~(1)~~ the Gateway International Bridge or
13 the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates to the entrance of
14 the Port of Brownsville using State Highways 48 and 4 or United
15 States Highways 77 and 83 or using United States Highway 77 and
16 United States Highway 83, East Loop Corridor, and State Highway 4;
17 and

18 (B) ~~(2)~~ the Free Trade International Bridge
19 to:

20 (i) ~~(A)~~ the entrance of the Port of
21 Brownsville using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highways
22 77 and 83, Farm-to-Market Road 511, State Highway 550, and East Loop
23 (State Highway 32);

24 (ii) ~~(B)~~ the eastern entrance of the Port

1 of Harlingen using Farm-to-Market Road 509, United States Highway
2 77 Business, and Farm-to-Market Road 1846;

3 (iii) [~~(C)~~] the western entrance of the
4 Port of Harlingen using Farm-to-Market Roads 509 and 106;

5 (iv) [~~(D)~~] the southern entrance of the
6 Harlingen Industrial Park using Farm-to-Market Road 509; [~~and~~]

7 (v) [~~(E)~~] the southern entrance of the
8 Harlingen Aerotropolis at Valley International Airport using
9 Farm-to-Market Road 509; and

10 (vi) the western Cameron County line using
11 Farm-to-Market Road 509 and United States Highway 281; and

12 (2) may designate another route in consultation with
13 the port authority.

14 SECTION 2. Section 623.363(a), Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (a) The commission may authorize a regional mobility
17 authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or
18 overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Hidalgo County on:

19 (1) the following roads:

20 (A) U.S. Highway 281 between its intersection
21 with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection
22 with State Highway 336;

23 (B) State Highway 336 between its intersection
24 with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road
25 1016;

26 (C) Farm-to-Market Road 1016 between its
27 intersection with State Highway 336 and its intersection with

1 Trinity Road;

2 (D) Trinity Road between its intersection with
3 Farm-to-Market Road 1016 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market
4 Road 396;

5 (E) Farm-to-Market Road 396 between its
6 intersection with Trinity Road and its intersection with the
7 Anzalduas International Bridge;

8 (F) Farm-to-Market Road 2061 between its
9 intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 3072 and its intersection
10 with U.S. Highway 281;

11 (G) U.S. Highway 281 between its intersection
12 with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection
13 with the eastern Hidalgo County line [~~Spur 29~~];

14 (H) Spur 29 between its intersection with U.S.
15 Highway 281 and its intersection with Doffin Canal Road;

16 (I) Doffin Canal Road between its intersection
17 with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection
18 with Spur 29;

19 (J) Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its
20 intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with U.S.
21 Highway 83 Business;

22 (K) U.S. Highway 83 Business between its
23 intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection
24 with South Pleasantview Drive;

25 (L) Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its
26 intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business and its intersection
27 with Mile 9 Road North; and

1 (M) Mile 9 Road North between its intersection
2 with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with Joe
3 Stephens Avenue; or

4 (2) another route designated by the commission in
5 consultation with the authority.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.