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H.B. No. 2455

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the maximum weight of a vehicle or combination of
3 vehicles operating at a port of entry or on certain roads associated
4 with or near a port of entry.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections [621.101](#)(a) and (c), Transportation
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) A vehicle or combination of vehicles may not be operated
9 over or on a public highway [~~or at a port of entry between Texas and~~
10 ~~the United Mexican States~~] if the vehicle or combination has:

11 (1) a single axle weight heavier than 20,000 pounds,
12 including all enforcement tolerances;

13 (2) a tandem axle weight heavier than 34,000 pounds,
14 including all enforcement tolerances;

15 (3) an overall gross weight on a group of two or more
16 consecutive axles heavier than the weight computed using the
17 following formula and rounding the result to the nearest 500
18 pounds:

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$$W = 500((LN/(N - 1)) + 12N + 36)$$

20 where:

21 "W" is maximum overall gross weight on the group;

22 "L" is distance in feet between the axles of the group that
23 are the farthest apart; and

24 "N" is number of axles in the group; or

1 (4) tires that carry a weight heavier than the weight
2 specified and marked on the sidewall of the tire, unless the vehicle
3 is being operated under the terms of a special permit.

4 (c) This section does not:

5 (1) authorize size or weight limits on the national
6 system of interstate and defense highways in this state greater
7 than those permitted under 23 U.S.C. Section 127, as amended;

8 (2) prohibit the operation of a vehicle or combination
9 of vehicles that could be lawfully operated on a highway or road of
10 this state on December 16, 1974; or

11 (3) apply to a vehicle or combination of vehicles that
12 operates exclusively:

13 (A) ~~[at a private port of entry;~~

14 ~~[(B)]~~ on private roads associated with a ~~[the]~~
15 port of entry; and

16 (B) ~~[(C)]~~ across a public highway between
17 private roads associated with a ~~[the]~~ port of entry under a contract
18 under Section [623.052](#).

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.