

1-1 By: Nichols S.B. No. 995
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 29, 2025; February 13, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 March 13, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 13, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nichols	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Hagenbuch	X			
1-11 Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12 Johnson	X			
1-13 King	X			
1-14 Miles	X			
1-15 Perry	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the approval of a surety bond for a contract authorizing
 1-20 an oversize or overweight vehicle to cross a road or highway.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 623.051(d), Transportation Code, is
 1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (d) Before exercising any right under a contract under this
 1-25 section, a person must execute with a corporate surety authorized
 1-26 to do business in this state a surety bond in an amount determined
 1-27 by the commission to compensate for the cost of maintenance and
 1-28 repairs as provided by this section. The bond must be approved by
 1-29 the Texas Department of Transportation [~~comptroller and the~~
 1-30 ~~attorney general~~] and must be conditioned on the person fulfilling
 1-31 the obligations of the contract.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 623.052(b), Transportation Code, is
 1-33 amended to read as follows:

1-34 (b) Before a person may operate a vehicle under this
 1-35 section, the person must:

1-36 (1) contract with the Texas Department of
 1-37 Transportation to indemnify the Texas Department of Transportation
 1-38 for the cost of the maintenance and repair for damage caused by a
 1-39 vehicle crossing that part of the highway; and

1-40 (2) execute an adequate surety bond to compensate for
 1-41 the cost of maintenance and repair, approved by the Texas
 1-42 Department of Transportation [~~comptroller and the attorney~~
 1-43 ~~general~~], with a corporate surety authorized to do business in this
 1-44 state, conditioned on the person fulfilling each obligation of the
 1-45 agreement.

1-46 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-47 the approval of a surety bond on or after the effective date of this
 1-48 Act.

1-49 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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