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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 644.101(a) and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall establish procedures, including training, for the certification of municipal police officers, sheriffs, [~~and~~] deputy sheriffs, constables, and deputy constables to enforce this chapter.

(c) A sheriff, [~~or a~~] deputy sheriff, constable, or deputy constable of any of the following counties is eligible to apply for certification under this section:

(1) a county bordering the United Mexican States;

(2) a county with a population of less than 1,000, part of which is located within 75 miles of an international border;

(3) a county with a population of 700,000 or more;

(4) a county with a population of 400,000 or more that borders the county in which the State Capitol is located;

(5) a county with a population of less than 250,000 that:

(A) is adjacent to two counties that each have a population of more than 1.2 million; and

(B) contains two highways that are part of the

national system of interstate and defense highways;

(6) a county:

(A) any part of which is within 30 miles of New Mexico; and

(B) that is adjacent to two or more counties that generated $100 million or more in tax revenue collected under Chapters 201 and 202, Tax Code, from oil and gas production during the preceding state fiscal year;

(7) a county with a population of more than 40,000 and less than 300,000 that is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (4); or

(8) a county with a population of more than 50,000 and less than 90,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 4,000,000.

SECTION 2. Section 644.103(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A municipal police officer who is certified under Section 644.101 may stop, enter, or detain on a highway or at a port of entry within the territory of the municipality a motor vehicle that is subject to this chapter. A sheriff, [~~or~~] deputy sheriff, constable, or deputy constable who is certified under Section 644.101 may stop, enter, or detain on a highway or at a port of entry within the territory of the county a motor vehicle that is subject to this chapter.

SECTION 3. 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, 2027.