

By: Lopez of Cameron

H.B. No. 137

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) the following roads:

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

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

(C) Farm-to-Market Road 1016 between its 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.