

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

When port authorities along the border with Mexico issue permits to oversize and overweight vehicles, the permits are issued with the provision that the drivers of these vehicles will use the direct routes designated by the Texas Transportation Commission. One of these designated routes is currently from the Gateway International Bridge or the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates to the entrance of the Port of Brownsville. Interested parties assert that an additional route is needed for reasons relating to transportation efficiency.

H.B. 3125 amends current law relating to route designation for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 623.219(a), Transportation Code, as follows:

(a) Requires the Texas Transportation Commission, for a permit issued by a port authority located in a county that borders the United Mexican States, to, with the consent of the port authority, designate the most direct route from:

(1) Creates this subdivision from existing text and makes no further changes to this subdivision; and

(2) the Free Trade International Bridge to 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).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.