

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Presently, trucks haul modules of cotton to the cotton gin and return to the farm with empty trucks. Cotton burrs are collected from the gin by trucks with a 20-foot bed and no specialized attachments and then returned to the farm. A cotton burr spreader attachment will haul twice as much and spread it in one and one-half minutes as opposed to 10 minutes with the current process. This bill will provide regulations regarding the width of certain vehicles transporting seed cotton modules.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 920 provides regulations regarding the width of certain vehicle transporting seed cotton modules.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 502.277(a), Transportation Code, to require the Texas Department of Transportation to issue specially designed license plates for single motor vehicles that are used only to transport cotton burrs and that are not more than 10 feet, rather than nine feet, in width.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 622.101, Transportation Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.