

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is authorized to issues permits to operators of vehicles that are in excess of weight limits. Counties are authorized to offer their own permits for overweight vehicles, but the county officials are not sufficiently notified of the roads authorized to be used by permits of TxDOT. This bill would require the operators of certain permitted vehicles weighing more than the load limit set for a county road or bridge to notify county officials by telephone at least 24 hours in advance of using such roads or bridges, and require each county to designate an office and telephone number for the purpose of fielding telephone calls required by this Act.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1399 sets forth procedures for the operation of overweight vehicles on certain county roads and bridges.

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 623.018, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (f), to authorize a vehicle that has a permit issued under Section 623.011 and weighs more than the load limit set for a county road or bridge to operate over the road or bridge only if the operator gives 24-hour advance notice to the county where the bridge or road is located. Requires each county to designate an office and telephone number to receive such notice and requires each county to submit the office and telephone information to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Requires each county to notify TxDOT of any change in the telephone and office information. Requires TxDOT to maintain a list of offices and telephone numbers for each county and make the list available to a holder of a permit issued under Section 623.011.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.