BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 749 By: Shapleigh Border Affairs - Special 3/24/1999 As Filed

DIGEST

Currently, under Texas law, Texas Department of Public Safety officers may only enforce weight restrictions on public highways, and they are unable to cite overweight vehicles in ports-of-entry. This bill would provide for the enforcement of weight limits for certain vehicles at a port-of-entry between Texas and Mexico.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 749 provides for the enforcement of weight limits for certain vehicles at a port-of-entry between Texas and Mexico.

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 621.101(a), Transportation Code, to enforce weight limits for certain vehicles at any port-of-entry between Texas and Mexico.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 621.408, Transportation Code, to grant authority to weight enforcement officers to enforce weight limits for certain vehicles at a port-of-entry between Texas and Mexico.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.