

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Overweight Corridor Program allows port-bound vehicles to bypass the congested streets of Matamoros and Brownsville, clearing customs within the Port of Brownsville's premises. However, the permanent solution to the problem of economically transporting overweight truckloads from Mexico to the Port of Brownsville is to build the Port of Brownsville International Rail and Truck bridge. The United States Department of State continues to work with the Mexican government to obtain approval to commence construction on the bridge. As proposed, S.B. 1748 provides that the subchapter governing port authority permits expires June 1, 2007, rather than the Act governing permits for oversize or overweight vehicles expiring on March 1, 2005.

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, Transportation Code, provide that the subchapter expires June 1, 2007, rather than the Act expiring on March 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.