

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1969
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that for certain communities along the Texas-Mexico border with an international bridge, a large driver of the economy is the commercial traffic crossing the bridge. The parties note, however, that because of differing truck weight regulations between Texas and Mexico some trucks stop before crossing into Texas and redistribute their loads so as to comply with state regulations. The parties contend that this procedure represents another obstacle to an already laborious and time-consuming process and that the extra time spent shifting loads and weights results in lost revenue and hurts the economy in Texas and across the nation. One recent solution to this obstacle has been the designation of certain overweight vehicle corridors on Texas roadways that allow for more efficient truck transport. H.B. 1969 seeks to provide for additional corridors in order to promote commerce.

H.B. 1969 amends the Transportation Code to include among the roads for which the Texas Transportation Commission may authorize the issuance of permits by a regional mobility authority for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Hidalgo County: Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business; U.S. Highway 83 Business between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with South Pleasantview Drive; Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business and its intersection with Mile 9 Road North; and Mile 9 Road North between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with Joe Stephens Avenue.

H.B. 1969 amends current law relating to the issuance of certain permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles on certain highways.

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 623.322(a), Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 635 (H.B. 474), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, to provide that the Texas Transportation Commission may authorize a regional mobility authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Hidalgo County on certain roads, including Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business, U.S. Highway 83 Business between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with South Pleasantview Drive, Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business and its intersection with Mile 9 Road North, and Mile 9 Road North between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with Joe Stephens Avenue.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.