Chapter 397

S.B. No. 1102

AN ACT
relating to weight limitations for natural gas motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 621.101, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a vehicle or combination of vehicles that is powered by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas may exceed any weight limitation under this section by an amount that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by that vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system, provided that the maximum gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles may not exceed 82,000 pounds.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.
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President of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1102 passed the Senate on April 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1102 passed the House on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Secretary of State

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

5-31-2017

Date

Governor

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Secretary of State
TO: Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1102 by Creighton (Relating to weight limitations for natural gas motor vehicles.), As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize a vehicle or combination of vehicles powered by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas to exceed any weight limitation under Transportation Code §621.101 by an amount equal to the difference between the weight attributable to the vehicle's natural gas tank and fueling system and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system, provided that the gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed 82,000 pounds.

Based on the information provided by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and the Texas Department of Transportation, it is assumed the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

LBB Staff: UP, AG, EH, TG
TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

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