

Chapter 177

H.B. No. 4156

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the issuance of permits for the movement of oversize and
3 overweight vehicles in certain counties; authorizing an increase in
4 the amount of a fee.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 623.210, Transportation Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 623.210. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE. This subchapter
9 provides an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit for the
10 movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state
11 highways located in counties:

12 (1) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
13 opening into the gulf and:

14 (A) [~~1~~] adjacent to at least two counties with
15 a population of 550,000 or more; or

16 (B) [~~2~~] bordering the United Mexican States;
17 or

18 (2) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
19 opening into the gulf with a population of not more than 200,000 and
20 adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1)(A).

21 SECTION 2. Section 623.212, Transportation Code, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 623.212. PERMITS BY PORT AUTHORITY. The commission
24 may authorize a port authority to issue permits for the movement of

1 oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state highways
2 located in counties:

3 (1) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
4 opening into the gulf and:

5 (A) [~~1~~] adjacent to at least two counties with
6 a population of 550,000 or more; or

7 (B) [~~2~~] bordering the United Mexican States;

8 or

9 (2) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
10 opening into the gulf with a population of not more than 200,000 and
11 adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1)(A).

12 SECTION 3. Section 623.214(a), Transportation Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (a) A port authority may collect a fee for permits issued
15 under this subchapter. Such fees shall not exceed \$120 [~~\$80~~] per
16 trip.

17 SECTION 4. Section 623.219(b), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b) For a permit issued by a port authority located in a
20 county that is adjacent to at least two counties with a population
21 of 550,000 or more, the commission shall, with the consent of the
22 port authority, designate the most direct route from:

23 (1) the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 523 and
24 Moller Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using Farm-to-Market
25 Roads 523 and 1495;

26 (2) the intersection of State Highway 288 and Chlorine
27 Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highway 288;

1 (3) the intersection of State Highway 288 and Chlorine
2 Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highways 288 and
3 332 and Farm-to-Market Roads 523 and 1495;

4 (4) the intersection of North Velasco Boulevard and
5 South Avenue J in the city of Freeport to the entrance of Port
6 Freeport using North Velasco Boulevard and Farm-to-Market Road
7 1495; [~~and~~]

8 (5) 21441 Loop 419 in the city of Sweeny to the
9 entrance of Port Freeport using Loop 419, State Highways 35 and 36,
10 and Farm-to-Market Road 1495; and

11 (6) 5261 Seventh Street in Bay City to the entrance of
12 Port Freeport using State Highway 35, Loop 419, State Highway 36,
13 and Farm-to-Market Road 1495.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Don Petach
President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4156 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Nancy
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4156 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 5-26-2017
Date

Greg Abbott
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 8, 2017

TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4156 by Bonnen, Dennis (Relating to the issuance of permits for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties; authorizing an increase in the amount of a fee.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code relating to issuances of permits to oversized and overweight vehicles from certain roadways to the Port of Freeport. Under current law a permit fee shall not exceed \$80 per trip. Fees collected and deposited to the State Highway Fund, less administrative costs, would be used solely for maintenance and improvements of the designated roadways. The bill would apply to Matagorda and Brazoria County.

The Texas Department of Transportation estimates a net zero impact on the State Highway Fund and no significant fiscal impact to the agency for implementing the provisions of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

The City of West Columbia, the City of Freeport, the Jones Creek Board of Aldermen, the County of Matagorda and the County of Brazoria anticipate a positive impact to local government from the bill.

Source Agencies: 601 Department of Transportation

LBB Staff: UP, AG, GG, BM

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 24, 2017

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB4156** by Bonnen, Dennis (Relating to the issuance of permits for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties; authorizing an increase in the amount of a fee.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 11, 2017

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4156 by Bonnen, Dennis (Relating to the route designation for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties.), **As Introduced**

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