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1	AN ACT
2	relating to an exemption from registration in this state for
3	certain foreign commercial motor vehicles.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 648.101, Transportation Code, is amended
6	by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
7	follows:
8	(a) A foreign commercial motor vehicle is exempt from
9	Chapter 502 and any other law of this state requiring the vehicle to
10	be registered in this state, including a law providing for a
11	temporary registration permit, if:
12	(1) the vehicle is engaged solely in transportation of
13	cargo across the border into or from a border commercial zone;
14	(2) for each load of cargo transported the vehicle
15	remains in this state:
16	(A) not more than 24 hours; or
17	(B) not more than 48 hours, if:
18	(1) the vehicle is unable to leave this
19	state within 24 hours because of circumstances beyond the control
20	of the motor carrier operating the vehicle; and
21	(11) all financial responsibility
22	requirements applying to the vehicle are satisfied;
23	(3) the vehicle is registered and licensed as required
24	by the law of another [state or] country as evidenced by a valid

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- 1 metal license plate attached to the front or rear of the exterior of
- 2 the vehicle; and
- 3 (4) the country in which the person that owns or
- 4 controls the vehicle is domiciled or is a citizen provides a
- 5 reciprocal exemption for commercial motor vehicles owned or
- 6 controlled by residents of this state.
- 7 (c) Notwithstanding any reciprocity agreement between this
- 8 state and another state of the United States, a foreign commercial
- 9 motor vehicle that engages primarily in transportation of cargo
- 10 across the border into or from a border commercial zone must be:
- 11 (1) registered in this state; or
- 12 (2) operated under the exemption provided by this
- 13 section.
- SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 313 was passed by the House on March 28, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the louse

I certify that H.B. No. 313 was passed by the Senate on May 1, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

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GOVERNOR

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