

AN ACT

relating to meetings between representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation and Mexican states on transportation and truck inspection issues.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.207, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 201.207. CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEETINGS. (a) The department shall initiate efforts to meet at least quarterly [~~semiannually~~] with the department's counterparts in those states of the United Mexican States that border this state to discuss issues relating to truck inspections and transportation and infrastructure involved in truck inspections and transportation [~~issues. To the extent practicable, the department shall meet at least semiannually with its counterparts in those bordering states to discuss transportation and infrastructure issues~~].

(b) To assist the department in carrying out this section, the department shall contact the border commerce coordinator designated under Section 772.010, Government Code, and the mayors of each municipality in this state in which a port of entry for land traffic is located.

(c) At least one department representative participating in a meeting under Subsection (a) must be proficient in Spanish.

1 (d) The department, in conjunction with the border commerce
2 coordinator, shall develop short-range and long-range plans,
3 including recommendations to increase bilateral relations with
4 Mexico and expedite trade by mitigating delays in border crossing
5 inspections for northbound truck traffic. In developing the plans,
6 the department and coordinator shall consider information obtained
7 from any meetings under Subsection (a). The department shall
8 update the plan biennially and submit the updated plan to the
9 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
10 and each other member of the legislature on or before December 1 of
11 each even-numbered year.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Jim Cuddihy
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 569 passed the Senate on March 22, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 1; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 26, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Daisy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 569 passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUNE '05
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Roger Williams
Secretary of State