1-1 By: Bonnen of Brazoria (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 4156
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
1-3 May 5, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 10, 2017, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 10, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X			
1-9	Hall	X			
1-10	Creighton	X			
1-11	Garcia	X			
1-12	Hancock	X			
1-13	Hinojosa	X			
1-14	Kolkhorst	X			
1-15	Perry	X			
1-16	Rodríguez	X			

1-17   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18   AN ACT

1-19 relating to the issuance of permits for the movement of oversize and
1-20 overweight vehicles in certain counties; authorizing an increase in
1-21 the amount of a fee.
1-22   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23   SECTION 1. Section 623.210, Transportation Code, is amended
1-24 to read as follows:
1-25   Sec. 623.210. OPTIONAL   PROCEDURE. This   subchapter
1-26 provides an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit for the
1-27 movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state
1-28 highways located in counties:
1-29   (1) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
1-30 opening into the gulf and:
1-31   (A) [(1)] adjacent to at least two counties with
1-32 a population of 550,000 or more; or
1-33   (B) [(2)] bordering the United Mexican States;
1-34 or
1-35   (2) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
1-36 opening into the gulf with a population of not more than 200,000 and
1-37 adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1)(A).
1-38   SECTION 2. Section 623.212, Transportation Code, is amended
1-39 to read as follows:
1-40   Sec. 623.212. PERMITS BY PORT AUTHORITY. The commission
1-41 may authorize a port authority to issue permits for the movement of
1-42 oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state highways
1-43 located in counties:
1-44   (1) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
1-45 opening into the gulf and:
1-46   (A) [(1)] adjacent to at least two counties with
1-47 a population of 550,000 or more; or
1-48   (B) [(2)] bordering the United Mexican States;
1-49 or
1-50   (2) contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet
1-51 opening into the gulf with a population of not more than 200,000 and
1-52 adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1)(A).
1-53   SECTION 3. Section 623.214(a), Transportation Code, is
1-54 amended to read as follows:
1-55   (a) A port authority may collect a fee for permits issued
1-56 under this subchapter. Such fees shall not exceed $120 [$80] per
1-57 trip.
1-58   SECTION 4. Section 623.219(b), Transportation Code, is
1-59 amended to read as follows:
1-60   (b) For a permit issued by a port authority located in a
1-61 county that is adjacent to at least two counties with a population

2-1 of 550,000 or more, the commission shall, with the consent of the
2-2 port authority, designate the most direct route from:
2-3   (1) the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 523 and
2-4 Moller Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using Farm-to-Market
2-5 Roads 523 and 1495;
2-6   (2) the intersection of State Highway 288 and Chlorine
2-7 Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highway 288;
2-8   (3) the intersection of State Highway 288 and Chlorine
2-9 Road to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highways 288 and
2-10 332 and Farm-to-Market Roads 523 and 1495;
2-11   (4) the intersection of North Velasco Boulevard and
2-12 South Avenue J in the city of Freeport to the entrance of Port
2-13 Freeport using North Velasco Boulevard and Farm-to-Market Road
2-14 1495; [and]
2-15   (5) 21441 Loop 419 in the city of Sweeny to the
2-16 entrance of Port Freeport using Loop 419, State Highways 35 and 36,
2-17 and Farm-to-Market Road 1495; and
2-18   (6) 5261 Seventh Street in Bay City to the entrance of
2-19 Port Freeport using State Highway 35, Loop 419, State Highway 36,
2-20 and Farm-to-Market Road 1495.
2-21   SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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