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H.B. No. 3511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the movement of equipment transporting intermodal
3 shipping containers in international commerce.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 623.071, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsections (c) and (f) and adding Subsection (c-2) to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) The department may issue an annual permit to allow the
9 operation on a state highway of equipment that exceeds weight and
10 size limits provided by law for the movement of:

11 (1) an implement of husbandry by a dealer;

12 (2) water well drilling machinery and equipment or
13 harvesting equipment being moved as part of an agricultural
14 operation; or

15 (3) an intermodal shipping container moving in
16 international commerce, subject to Subsection (c-2), or superheavy
17 or oversize equipment that:

18 (A) cannot reasonably be dismantled; and

19 (B) does not exceed:

20 (i) 12 feet in width;

21 (ii) 14 feet in height;

22 (iii) 110 feet in length; or

23 (iv) 120,000 pounds gross weight.

24 (c-2) The department may issue a permit under Subsection

1 (c)(3) authorizing the movement of equipment transporting an
2 intermodal shipping container if:

3 (1) the issuance of the permit is not inconsistent
4 with federal rules, regulations, or interpretations defining a
5 nondivisible load; and

6 (2) the equipment is operated only on a portion of a
7 county road or state highway, including a frontage road adjacent to
8 a federal interstate highway, that is within a 15-mile radius of a
9 port authority.

10 (f) In this section:

11 (1) "Pipe [~~,"~~ "pipe] box" means a container
12 specifically constructed to safely transport and handle oilfield
13 drill pipe and drill collars.

14 (2) "Port authority" means a port authority or
15 navigation district created or operating under Section 52, Article
16 III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.