



TMTA's 83rd Legislative Session

Bills That Did Pass

HB 338 by Guillen

Relating to the court in which a hearing regarding the towing of a motor vehicle may be held. The bill would amend the Occupations Code to add an additional venue option for towing suits. The owner of the towed motor vehicle may request the case be brought in any justice court in the county from which the vehicle was towed.

HB 474 by Munoz

Relating to an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by a certain regional mobility authority for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles. The bill allows the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on specified roads in Hidalgo County. The bill would authorize the HCRMA to collect a permit fee not to exceed \$80 per trip

HB 511/SB 685 by Murphy/Carona

Relating to the registration of token trailers. The bill creates a non-expiring license plate and eliminates the requirements to show the expiration date on the license plate and to carry a paper registration receipt on the trailer.

HB 777 by White

Relating to oversize or overweight vehicles transporting timber or timber products. Amended onto HB 2741 (See Special Report on HB 2741)

HB 1025 by Pitts

Relating to fiscal matters that gives \$450,000,000 to the Texas Department of Transportation, for several contingencies based on passage of certain legislation, including \$225 million that would be transferred to State Highway Fund 6 for certain projects within the state highway system, and \$225 million that would be transferred to the Transportation Infrastructure Fund for county transportation projects.

HB 2148 by Hilderbran

Relating to the motor fuel tax on compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas. The bill changes the way in which tax is paid and collected on both compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) used as a motor fuel in motor vehicles. The bill would leave the tax rate on both CNG and LNG unchanged at 15 cents per gallon.

HB 2304 by Rodriquez

Relating to the certification of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards. The provisions of the bill would only apply to Bexar, Tarrant, and Travis counties.

HB 500 by Hilderbran

Relating to the Omnibus Margins Tax Bill (See Special Report on HB 500)

HB 2612 by Flynn

Relating to liability a county road. A road supervisor may prohibit or restrict the use of a road or a section of a road by a vehicle that will unduly damage the road under specified circumstances, if an alternative, more suitable road is available within the county at the time. A person required to operate or move a vehicle or other object on an alternate route would not be liable for damage sustained by the road, including a bridge, unless the act or omission resulting in the damage constitutes wanton, willful, and intentional misconduct; or gross negligence.

HB 2741 by Phillips

Became the Omnibus transportation bill (See Special Report on HB 2741)

HB 3125 by Lucio III

Relating to route designation for the issuance of a permit by the Port of Brownsville for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles to include additional highways on which the permitted vehicles could carry cargo

SB 229 by Davis

Relating to an exception to the domicile requirement for issuance of a commercial driver's license for certain military personnel. The bill will allow commercial driver's licenses to be issued to active or reserve service members, whose temporary or permanent duty station is located in Texas, by waiving the current residency requirement.

SB 274 by Williams

Relating to permits for oversize and overweight vehicles. The bill would expand the portions of SH 99 and FM 565 within Chambers County for which the county is authorized to issue oversize/overweight (OS/OW) permits for loads with a gross vehicle weight of up to 100,000 pounds.

SB 1671 by Nichols

Relating to the fines for and other enforcement of laws providing for the operation of oversize or overweight vehicles. (See Special Report on HB 2741)

SB 1727 by Deuell

The bill would make various changes to the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) program. It creates the new Drayage Truck Incentive Program within the TERP program to provide rebate-type funding for the replacement of a pre-2007 model year drayage truck with a 2010 or newer model year truck.

SB 1747 by Uresti

Relating to county road funding. The bill would amend the Transportation Code to allow counties to designate County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zones (CETRZ) in order to promote transportation infrastructure projects in areas affected by oil and gas exploration and production activities. The bill would allow counties to use revenue from taxes designated to a CETRZ to finance certain transportation projects.

Bills That Did Not Pass

HB 245 by Rodriquez

Relating to Sleep apnea and the creation of a Drowsy Driving Study Commission

HB 2073 by Rodriquez

Relating to driving with certain untreated sleep disorders or employing a person with an untreated sleep disorder as a commercial motor vehicle driver

HB 2882 by Raymond

Relating to the movement of certain commercial motor vehicles by convoy on state highways. Would have required trucks to keep 150 feet separation at all times

HB 1288/SB 145 by Hilderbran/Williams

Relating to a credit or a refund for diesel fuel taxes paid on diesel fuel used in this state by auxiliary power units or power take-off equipment.

HB 2132 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the certification and regulation of escort flag vehicle pilots.

HB 2499 by Smith

Relating to the use of Texas emissions reduction plan funds for a drayage truck purchase incentive program.

HB 2735 by White

Relating to an exemption from motor carrier registration for certain vehicles used to transport household goods

HB 3523 by Lewis

Relating to punishment for the offense of driving a commercial motor vehicle without a commercial driver's license.

SB 459 by Rodriquez

Relating to the sale, storage, transportation, and disposal of scrap or used tires

SB 1020 by Ellis

Relating to requirements for employers who do not obtain workers' compensation insurance coverage under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act

SB 1664 by Nichols

Relating to commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits and the operation of commercial motor vehicles.

SB 1670 by Nichols

Relating to the fees for oversize and overweight vehicle permits