BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, length limitations for vehicles (Sec. 621.203, Transportation Code) and vehicle combinations (Sec. 621.205, Transportation Code) are set at a maximum of 65 feet. Businesses involved in custom harvesting are finding it difficult to stay within this length limitation because the size of combine machines has increased.

H.B. 3570 amends Section 622.902, Transportation Code, regarding length exceptions by providing that a vehicle or a combination of vehicles used to transport a combine that is used in farm custom harvesting may have an overall length of not more than 75 feet.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3570 authorizes a vehicle or a combination of vehicles used to transport a combine that is used in farm custom harvesting to have an overall length of not more than 75 feet.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 622.902, Transportation Code, to provide that the length limitations provided by Sections 621.203 to 621.205 do not apply to a vehicle or combination of vehicles used to transport a combine that is used in farm custom harvesting operations on a farm if the overall length of the vehicle or combination is not longer than 75 feet.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.