

CHAPTER 881

H.B. No. 1293

AN ACT

relating to the exemption of fire department vehicles from certain width, length, and weight requirements.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 3(a), Chapter 42, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6701d-11, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subdivision (6) to read as follows:

*(6) The width limitations of this subsection do not apply to vehicles owned or operated by a public, private, or volunteer fire department.*

SECTION 2. Section 3(c), Chapter 42, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6701d-11, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

*(5) The length limitations of this subsection do not apply to vehicles owned or operated by a public, private, or volunteer fire department.*

SECTION 3. Section 5, Chapter 42, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6701d-11, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

*(c) The weight limitations of this section do not apply to vehicles owned or operated by a public, private, or volunteer fire department. Vehicles may not exceed the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight capacity or axle design rating.*

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987. A person charged with a violation of Section 3 or 5, Chapter 42, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6701d-11, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in existence on that date and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 8, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1293 on May 25, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.