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H.B. No. 1531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regulation by certain counties of roadside or parking lot vendors and solicitors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 285.001(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To promote the public safety, the commissioners court of a county with a population of more than 1.3 million and a county with a population of more than 700,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than four million by order may regulate the following in the unincorporated area of the county if they occur on a public highway or road, in the right-of-way of a public highway or road, or in a parking lot:

(1) the sale of items by a vendor of food or merchandise, including live animals;

(2) the erection, maintenance, or placement of a structure by a vendor of food or merchandise, including live animals; and

(3) the solicitation of money.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.