

AN ACT

relating to pedestrian use of a sidewalk.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.006(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a sidewalk is not provided, a pedestrian walking along and on a highway shall ~~[if possible]~~ walk on ~~[+]~~ ~~[(1)]~~ the left side of the roadway ~~[+]~~ or ~~[(2)]~~ the shoulder of the highway facing oncoming traffic, unless the left side of the roadway or the shoulder of the highway facing oncoming traffic is obstructed or unsafe.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1277 was passed by the House on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1277 on May 19, 2023, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1277 on May 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 1277

I certify that H.B. No. 1277 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 16, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1277 on May 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor