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S.B. No. 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a criminal offense for operating a motor vehicle under certain circumstances causing a tire of the vehicle to spin, lose traction, or leave the surface of a highway.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.4015 to read as follows:

Sec. 545.4015. OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSING TIRE TO SPIN, LOSE TRACTION, OR LEAVE SURFACE OF ROADWAY; OFFENSE. (a) An operator of a stationary motor vehicle may not intentionally break traction to spin a tire of the vehicle by pressing the accelerator and increasing the engine speed.

(b) An operator of a motor vehicle may not intentionally accelerate the vehicle in a manner that causes any tire of the vehicle to:

(1) lose traction; or

(2) leave the surface of the highway.

(c) A person who violates this section commits an offense. An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.