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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

13 (b) An operator of a vehicle may not intentionally or
14 knowingly accelerate the vehicle in a manner that causes any tire of
15 the vehicle to:

16 (1) lose traction; or

17 (2) leave the surface of the highway.

18 (c) A person who violates this section commits an offense.

19 An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

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