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H.B. No. 735

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to equipment for certain mobility devices.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 552, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 552.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.010. SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN MOBILITY DEVICES. A person may not operate a motorized mobility device at nighttime on a public street, road, or highway unless the device is equipped with:

(1) a lamp on the front of the motorized mobility device that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet in front of the motorized mobility device; and

(2) on the rear of the motorized mobility device:

(A) a red reflector that:

(i) is of a type approved by the department;

and

(ii) is visible when directly in front of lawful upper beams of motor vehicle headlamps from all distances from 50 to 300 feet to the rear of the motorized mobility device; or

(B) a lamp that emits a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear of the motorized mobility device.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.