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S.B. No. 214

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to vehicles passing certain stationary emergency vehicles on a highway.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.157 to read as follows:

Sec. 545.157. PASSING AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE. On approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using visual signals that meet the requirements of Sections 547.305 and 547.702, an operator, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, shall:

(1) vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle when driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle; or

(2) slow to a speed not to exceed:

(A) 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or more; or

(B) five miles per hour when the posted speed limit is less than 25 miles per hour.

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