

1-1 By: Staples S.B. No. 461
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 12, 2003; February 17, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Infrastructure
1-4 Development and Security; March 19, 2003, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays
1-6 0; March 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 461 By: Wentworth

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the operation of authorized emergency vehicles.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 546.002, Transportation Code, is amended
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 546.002. WHEN CONDUCT PERMISSIBLE. (a) In this
1-15 section, "police escort" means facilitating the movement of a
1-16 funeral, oversized or hazardous load, or other traffic disruption
1-17 for public safety purposes by a peace officer described by Articles
1-18 2.12(1)-(4), Code of Criminal Procedure.

1-19 (b) Section 546.001 applies only when the operator is:

1-20 (1) responding to an emergency call;

1-21 (2) pursuing an actual or suspected violator of the
1-22 law; [~~or~~]

1-23 (3) responding to but not returning from a fire alarm;

1-24 (4) directing or diverting traffic for public safety
1-25 purposes; or

1-26 (5) conducting a police escort.

1-27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-28 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-29 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-30 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-31 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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