

Amend CSHB 1779 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____ Sections 545.424, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) A person under 18 years of age, during the six-month period following issuance of an original Class A, B, or C driver's license to the person, may not operate a motor vehicle:

(1) after midnight and before 5 a.m. unless the operation of the vehicle is necessary for the operator to attend or participate in employment or a school-related activity or because of a medical emergency; ~~or~~

(2) with more than one passenger in the vehicle under 21 years of age who is not a family member; or

(3) while using a wireless communications device.

(b) A person under 17 years of age who holds a restricted motorcycle license or moped license, during the six-month period following the issuance of an original motorcycle license or moped license to the person, may not operate a motorcycle or moped:

(1) after midnight and before 5 a.m. unless:

(A) ~~[(1)]~~ the person is in sight of the person's parent or guardian; or

(B) ~~[(2)]~~ the operation of the vehicle is necessary for the operator to attend or participate in employment or a school-related activity or because of a medical emergency; or

(2) while using a wireless communications device.

(f) The Public Utility Commission of Texas has jurisdiction to adopt, and shall adopt, rules defining "wireless communications device" for the purposes of this section.