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H.B. No. 364

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an offense of possession of certain devices affecting operation of a traffic-control signal.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 547, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 547.615 to read as follows:

Sec. 547.615. MOBILE INFRARED TRANSMITTER PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "mobile infrared transmitter" means a device that emits an infrared beam with the capability of changing a traffic-control signal out of sequence.

(b) A person may not possess a mobile infrared transmitter.

(c) This section does not apply to possession of a mobile infrared transmitter by a person in connection with official operation of:

(1) an authorized emergency vehicle; or

(2) a transit vehicle operated by an authority under Chapter 451 or 452 or a transit department under Chapter 453.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.