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H.B. No. 1251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an offense of using a telephone while operating a bus.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.425 to read as follows:

Sec. 545.425. USE OF TELEPHONE WHILE OPERATING BUS. An operator of a bus may not use a telephone while operating the bus unless:

(1) the bus is stopped; or

(2) the bus cannot safely be stopped and the operator is reporting an emergency that affects:

(A) the proper functioning of the bus; or

(B) the health or safety of any person, regardless of whether the person is on the bus.

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