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S.B. No. 175

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to possession of certain devices affecting operation of a
3 traffic-control signal; providing a criminal penalty.

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

5 SECTION 1. This Act may be called the MIRT Act.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 544, Transportation Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 544.0055 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 544.0055. MOBILE INFRARED TRANSMITTER PROHIBITED. (a)

9 In this section, "mobile infrared transmitter" means a device that
10 emits an infrared beam with the capability of changing a
11 traffic-control signal out of sequence.

12 (b) A person commits an offense if the person possesses a
13 mobile infrared transmitter.

14 (c) It is an exception to the application of Subsection (b)
15 that the mobile infrared transmitter is possessed by a person for
16 use in official emergency response duties, as determined by rules
17 adopted by the Texas Department of Transportation.

18 (d) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.