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H.B. No. 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the design and installation of signs at certain
3 crosswalks used regularly by elderly pedestrians.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 544, Transportation Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 544.0015 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 544.0015. SIGNAGE FOR CERTAIN CROSSWALKS. (a) The
8 manual adopted under Section 544.001 must include provisions for
9 the design and installation of warning signs to designate a marked
10 crosswalk that is used regularly by elderly pedestrians who:

11 (1) are unable to adequately judge when it is safe to
12 cross the roadway; or

13 (2) require a longer time to cross the roadway.

14 (b) The manual may not prohibit a local authority, in
15 connection with a roadway under its jurisdiction, from installing a
16 sign designed under Subsection (a) if the governing body of the
17 local authority determines that installation of the sign is:

18 (1) supported by an engineering and traffic
19 investigation; or

20 (2) in the best interest of or necessary for the
21 protection of elderly pedestrians who regularly use the marked
22 crosswalk.

23 (c) In connection with a roadway under the jurisdiction of a
24 local authority, on receipt of a petition signed by at least 10

1 adult individuals who reside within 2,500 feet of a crosswalk
2 described by Subsection (a) requesting the installation of a
3 warning sign authorized by that subsection, the governing body of
4 the local authority shall direct that:

5 (1) an engineering and traffic investigation be
6 performed to evaluate the request; or

7 (2) the sign be placed at the crosswalk, if the
8 governing body determines that installation of the sign is in the
9 best interest of or necessary for the protection of elderly
10 pedestrians who regularly use the crosswalk.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 2, 2007.