

Amend CSHB 2553 (Senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS, and renumbering the following SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION __. The heading to Section 29.011, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 29.011. SAFETY APPAREL REQUIRED; SEAT BELTS.

SECTION __. Section 29.011, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) A person may not operate, ride, or be carried on an off-highway vehicle on public property unless the person wears:

(1) a safety helmet that complies with United States Department of Transportation standards; ~~and~~

(2) eye protection; and

(3) seat belts, if the vehicle is equipped with seat belts.

(c) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle that:

(1) has at least four wheels and is registered by the Texas Department of Transportation for use on a public highway, unless the vehicle is an all-terrain vehicle as defined by Section 502.001, Transportation Code;

(2) has four wheels and is equipped with bench or bucket seats and seat belts and includes a roll bar or roll cage construction to reduce the risk of injury to an occupant of the vehicle in case of the vehicle's rollover; or

(3) is in the process of being loaded into or unloaded from a trailer or another vehicle used to transport the motor vehicle.

SECTION __. The change in law made by this Act to Section 29.011, Parks and Wildlife Code, applies to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.