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H.B. No. 1027

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a peace officer to stop, detain, or arrest a person for a violation of certain traffic offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 543.001, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 543.001. ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT AUTHORIZED. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), any [Any] peace officer may arrest without warrant a person found committing a violation of this subtitle.

(b) A peace officer operating a vehicle may not stop, detain, or arrest the operator or occupant of a vehicle for a violation of this subtitle that is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine only unless:

(1) the officer's vehicle is clearly marked as a police vehicle, as defined by Section 541.201; and

(2) the officer is wearing a uniform on which is displayed the officer's badge of office.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.