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H.B. No. 3979

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the operation of a motor vehicle on a highway or street
3 that is drawing a boat or personal watercraft in or on which a
4 person is riding; providing a penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 545.4145 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 545.4145. PERSON RIDING IN OR ON BOAT OR PERSONAL
9 WATERCRAFT DRAWN BY VEHICLE. (a) A person commits an offense if
10 the person operates a motor vehicle on a highway or street and
11 another person occupies a boat or personal watercraft being drawn
12 by the motor vehicle.

13 (b) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that
14 the person was operating the motor vehicle in a parade or in an
15 emergency.

16 (c) In this section, "boat" and "personal watercraft" have
17 the meanings assigned by Section 31.003, Parks and Wildlife Code.

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