

1-1 By: Rodriguez (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 885  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 31, 2011;  
1-3 April 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 9, 2011, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 9, 2011, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the operation and movement of a vehicle when certain  
1-10 traffic-control signals do not display an indication.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 544.007, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-13 by amending Subsection (i) and adding Subsection (j) to read as  
1-14 follows:

1-15 (i) An operator of a vehicle facing a traffic-control  
1-16 signal, other than a freeway entrance ramp control signal or a  
1-17 pedestrian hybrid beacon, that does not display an indication in  
1-18 any of the signal heads shall stop as provided by Section 544.010 as  
1-19 if the intersection had a stop sign.

1-20 (j) In this section:

1-21 (1) "Freeway entrance ramp control signal" means a  
1-22 traffic-control signal that controls the flow of traffic entering a  
1-23 freeway.

1-24 (2) "Pedestrian hybrid beacon" means a  
1-25 pedestrian-controlled traffic-control signal that displays  
1-26 different colored lights successively only when activated by a  
1-27 pedestrian.

1-28 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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