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H.B. No. 1571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles during periods of traffic congestion.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.060, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) An operator on a roadway divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic:

(1) shall drive as nearly as practical entirely within a single lane, except as provided by Subsection (e); and

(2) may not move from the lane unless that movement can be made safely.

(e) The operator of a motorcycle may operate the motorcycle for a safe distance between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction during periods of traffic congestion if:

(1) notwithstanding Section 661.003(c), the operator and any passenger wear protective headgear that meets the safety standards adopted by the department; and

(2) the operator operates the motorcycle:

(A) at a speed not more than five miles per hour greater than the speed of the other traffic;

(B) in traffic that is moving at a speed of 20 miles per hour or less; and

1 (C) in a location other than a school crossing
2 zone or a location where the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour
3 or less.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.