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H.B. No. 2651

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the eligibility of visitors to use certain public  
3 transportation services for people with disabilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 461, Transportation Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 461.009 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 461.009. ELIGIBILITY OF VISITORS TO USE CERTAIN PUBLIC  
8 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. (a) In this  
9 section:

10 (1) "Provider" means a public transportation provider  
11 that provides public transportation services designed for people  
12 with disabilities who are unable to use the provider's bus or rail  
13 services.

14 (2) "Services" means public transportation services  
15 provided by a public transportation provider and designed for  
16 people with disabilities who are unable to use the provider's bus or  
17 rail services.

18 (b) A provider shall determine if an individual who resides  
19 outside of the provider's service area and who seeks to use the  
20 provider's services while visiting the provider's service area is  
21 eligible to use the services not later than two business days after  
22 the date the individual gives the provider the appropriate notice  
23 and submits any required documentation.

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