

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2651 was passed by the House on May 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2651 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor