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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) A provider shall determine if an individual who resides outside of the provider's service area and who seeks to use the provider's services while visiting the provider's service area is eligible to use the services not later than 48 hours after the individual gives the provider the appropriate notice and submits any required documentation.

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