

1-1 By: Allen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 2651  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2011;  
1-3 May 9, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 21, 2011, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2011, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

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

1-9 relating to the eligibility of visitors to use certain public  
1-10 transportation services for people with disabilities.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Chapter 461, Transportation Code, is amended by  
1-13 adding Section 461.009 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 461.009. ELIGIBILITY OF VISITORS TO USE CERTAIN PUBLIC  
1-15 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. (a) In this  
1-16 section:

1-17 (1) "Provider" means a public transportation provider  
1-18 that provides public transportation services designed for people  
1-19 with disabilities who are unable to use the provider's bus or rail  
1-20 services.

1-21 (2) "Services" means public transportation services  
1-22 provided by a public transportation provider and designed for  
1-23 people with disabilities who are unable to use the provider's bus or  
1-24 rail services.

1-25 (b) A provider shall determine if an individual who resides  
1-26 outside of the provider's service area and who seeks to use the  
1-27 provider's services while visiting the provider's service area is  
1-28 eligible to use the services not later than two business days after  
1-29 the date the individual gives the provider the appropriate notice  
1-30 and submits any required documentation.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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