| **House Bill 2981**Senate AmendmentsSection-by-Section Analysis |
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| HOUSE VERSION | SENATE VERSION (CS) | CONFERENCE |
| SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.4145 to read as follows:Sec. 545.4145. PERSON RIDING IN OR ON BOAT OR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT DRAWN BY VEHICLE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates a motor vehicle on a highway or street and another person occupies a boat or personal watercraft being drawn by the motor vehicle.(b) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person was operating the motor vehicle in a parade or in an emergency.(c) In this section, "boat" and "personal watercraft" have the meanings assigned by Section 31.003, Parks and Wildlife Code. | SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.4145 to read as follows:Sec. 545.4145. RIDING IN OR ON BOAT OR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT DRAWN BY VEHICLE; OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates a motor vehicle on a highway or street when a child younger than 18 years of age is occupying a boat or personal watercraft being drawn by the motor vehicle.(b) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person was:(1) operating the motor vehicle in a parade or in an emergency; or(2) operating the motor vehicle on a beach.(c) In this section, "boat" and "personal watercraft" have the meanings assigned by Section 31.003, Parks and Wildlife Code. |  |
| SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011. | SECTION 2. Same as House version. |  |