| **House Bill 2981**  Senate Amendments  Section-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. |  |