

By: Rodriguez of Travis

H.B. No. 299

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 299:

By: Pickett

C.S.H.B. No. 299

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the operation and movement of a vehicle when certain  
3 traffic-control signals do not display an indication.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 544.007, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by amending Subsections (i) and (j) and adding Subsection (k) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (i) An operator of a vehicle facing a traffic-control  
9 signal, other than a freeway entrance ramp control signal or a  
10 [~~pedestrian~~] hybrid beacon, that does not display an indication in  
11 any of the signal heads shall stop as provided by Section 544.010 as  
12 if the intersection had a stop sign.

13 (j) In this section:

14 (1) "Freeway entrance ramp control signal" means a  
15 traffic-control signal that controls the flow of traffic entering a  
16 freeway.

17 (2) "Hybrid [~~Pedestrian-hybrid~~] beacon" means a  
18 controller-activated [~~pedestrian-controlled~~] traffic-control  
19 signal that displays different colored lights successively only  
20 when activated by a pedestrian or an emergency vehicle or other  
21 vehicle or person authorized by Subsection (k) or by the manual  
22 adopted under Section 544.001.

23 (k) A vehicle operated by an authority created under Chapter  
24 451 may activate a hybrid beacon if:

1           (1) the authority was confirmed before July 1, 1985,  
2 and the principal municipality in the service area of the authority  
3 has a population of less than 850,000; and

4           (2) the activation of the beacon is authorized under  
5 an experimentation approved by the department as provided in the  
6 manual adopted under Section 544.001.

7           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.