

By: Turner of Harris

H.B. No. 435

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the authority of a peace officer to take a blood  
3 specimen from the operator of a motor vehicle or watercraft to test  
4 for alcohol concentration or the presence of other intoxicating  
5 substances.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 724.017, Transportation Code, is amended  
8 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

9 (e) A person who is a peace officer may not take a blood  
10 specimen under this chapter regardless of whether the person is  
11 otherwise authorized to take a blood specimen under this section.

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