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H.B. No. 1816

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to lighting requirements for drivers during motor vehicle
3 stops.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 545.309 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 545.309. LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS DURING STOP BY POLICE
8 OFFICER. (a) A person operating a motor vehicle who is directed to
9 bring the motor vehicle to a stop by a police officer at nighttime
10 shall illuminate an interior light installed in the motor vehicle
11 immediately after stopping the motor vehicle. The person may not
12 extinguish the light without the officer's consent until the
13 officer allows the person to resume operating the motor vehicle.

14 (b) This section does not apply to a person operating a
15 motor vehicle who is directed to bring the motor vehicle to a stop
16 by a police officer who is directing traffic.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.