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H.B. No. 2745

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study administered by the Texas Department of Motor
3 Vehicles to research the safety and economic impact of in-vehicle
4 safety devices for motor vehicles.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 750, Transportation Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 750.004 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 750.004. STUDY OF IN-VEHICLE SAFETY DEVICES FOR MOTOR
9 VEHICLES. (a) In this section, "in-vehicle safety device" means an
10 in-vehicle device that:

11 (1) for a motor vehicle, other than an authorized
12 emergency vehicle, is a self-contained radio receiver that:

13 (A) detects the approach of an authorized
14 emergency vehicle, flashes lights to draw the driver's attention,
15 and receives and plays a unique coded message instructing the
16 driver; and

17 (B) detects stationary transmitters warning of
18 highway conditions and cautionary situations, including school
19 crossing zones and construction or maintenance work zones, flashes
20 lights to draw the driver's attention, and receives and plays a
21 unique coded message instructing the driver;

22 (2) for an authorized emergency vehicle, is fitted
23 with a transmitter that activates automatically with the siren and
24 emergency lighting system of the vehicle to transmit a unique

1 emergency message to devices described by Subdivision (1) in the
2 vicinity; and

3 (3) is powered by a rechargeable battery and a solar
4 cell.

5 (b) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall conduct a
6 study to research the safety and economic impact of in-vehicle
7 safety devices for motor vehicles.

8 (c) This section expires, January 1, 2015.

9 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2014, the Texas
10 Department of Motor Vehicles shall deliver a report to each house of
11 the legislature on the information collected under section 750.004,
12 Transportation Code.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.