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S.B. No. 277

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Sections 544.007(i) and (j), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

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

(j) In this section:

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

(2) "Hybrid ~~[Pedestrian hybrid]~~ beacon" means a controller-activated ~~[pedestrian-controlled]~~ traffic-control signal that displays different colored lights successively only when activated by a pedestrian, transit vehicle operated by an authority under Chapter 451 or 452 or a transit department under Chapter 453, emergency vehicle, or other authorized vehicle or person.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.