

Amend CSHB 80 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike SECTION 5 of the bill (page 3, line 7 through page 5, line 16) and substitute the following:

SECTION 5. Section 545.401, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) For the purposes of Subsection (a), a person drives a vehicle in wilful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property if the person uses a portable wireless communication device to read, write, or send a text-based communication, including an SMS text, e-mail, instant message, or other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication, while operating a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is stopped and is outside a lane of travel.

(2) Strike SECTION 6 of the bill (page 5, lines 17 through 23) and renumber subsequent SECTIONS accordingly.

(3) On page 5, lines 24 and 25, strike "Sections 545.424 and 545.425, Transportation Code," and substitute "Chapter 545, Transportation Code,".