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H.B. No. 3225

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to lane restrictions for certain motor vehicles in highway  
3 construction or maintenance work zones.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 545.0653 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 545.0653. RESTRICTION ON USE OF HIGHWAY IN MAINTENANCE  
8 OR CONSTRUCTION WORK ZONE. (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Commercial motor vehicle" has the meaning  
10 assigned by Section 548.001.

11 (2) "Construction or maintenance work zone" has the  
12 meaning assigned by Section 472.022.

13 (3) "Department" means the Texas Department of  
14 Transportation.

15 (4) "Executive director" means the executive director  
16 of the department.

17 (b) The executive director or the executive director's  
18 designee may restrict a commercial motor vehicle to a specific lane  
19 of traffic in a construction or maintenance work zone for a highway  
20 that is part of the state highway system if the executive director  
21 or the executive director's designee determines that, based on a  
22 traffic study performed by the department to evaluate the effect of  
23 the restriction, the restriction is necessary to improve safety.

24 (c) The department shall erect and maintain official

1 traffic control devices necessary to implement and enforce a lane  
2 restriction imposed under this section. A lane restriction may not  
3 be enforced until the appropriate traffic control devices are in  
4 place.

5 (d) The executive director or the executive director's  
6 designee may rescind a lane restriction imposed under this section  
7 at any time that the executive director or the executive director's  
8 designee determines that the restriction is no longer necessary to  
9 improve safety.

10 (e) A lane restriction imposed under this section expires  
11 when the lane that is subject to the restriction is no longer in a  
12 construction or maintenance work zone.

13 (f) The department shall remove traffic control devices  
14 erected under this section if the lane restriction is rescinded  
15 under Subsection (d) or expires under Subsection (e).

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.