

1-1 By: Murr (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 3225
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2015;
 1-3 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to lane restrictions for certain motor vehicles in highway
 1-20 construction or maintenance work zones.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,
 1-23 is amended by adding Section 545.0653 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 545.0653. RESTRICTION ON USE OF HIGHWAY IN MAINTENANCE
 1-25 OR CONSTRUCTION WORK ZONE. (a) In this section:

1-26 (1) "Commercial motor vehicle" has the meaning
 1-27 assigned by Section 548.001.

1-28 (2) "Construction or maintenance work zone" has the
 1-29 meaning assigned by Section 472.022.

1-30 (3) "Department" means the Texas Department of
 1-31 Transportation.

1-32 (4) "Executive director" means the executive director
 1-33 of the department.

1-34 (b) The executive director or the executive director's
 1-35 designee may restrict a commercial motor vehicle to a specific lane
 1-36 of traffic in a construction or maintenance work zone for a highway
 1-37 that is part of the state highway system if the executive director
 1-38 or the executive director's designee determines that, based on a
 1-39 traffic study performed by the department to evaluate the effect of
 1-40 the restriction, the restriction is necessary to improve safety.

1-41 (c) The department shall erect and maintain official
 1-42 traffic control devices necessary to implement and enforce a lane
 1-43 restriction imposed under this section. A lane restriction may not
 1-44 be enforced until the appropriate traffic control devices are in
 1-45 place.

1-46 (d) The executive director or the executive director's
 1-47 designee may rescind a lane restriction imposed under this section
 1-48 at any time that the executive director or the executive director's
 1-49 designee determines that the restriction is no longer necessary to
 1-50 improve safety.

1-51 (e) A lane restriction imposed under this section expires
 1-52 when the lane that is subject to the restriction is no longer in a
 1-53 construction or maintenance work zone.

1-54 (f) The department shall remove traffic control devices
 1-55 erected under this section if the lane restriction is rescinded
 1-56 under Subsection (d) or expires under Subsection (e).

1-57 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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