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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to prohibiting the use of an electronic device to film or
3 photograph a traffic accident; creating an offense.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 545.428 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 545.428. USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICE NEAR TRAFFIC
8 ACCIDENTS; OFFENSE. (a) In this section, "wireless communication
9 device" has the meaning assigned by Section 545.425.

10 (b) A person operating a motor vehicle may not use an
11 electronic device, including a wireless communication device, to
12 photograph or film a traffic accident.

13 (c) This section does not apply to a police officer
14 operating an authorized emergency vehicle equipped with a video
15 camera.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.