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H.B. No. 1656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the operation of a public transit motor bus by certain
3 mass transit entities on an improved shoulder.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 545.058(c), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) A limitation in this section on driving on an improved
8 shoulder does not apply to:

9 (1) an authorized emergency vehicle responding to a
10 call;

11 (2) a police patrol; ~~[or]~~

12 (3) a bicycle; or

13 (4) a public transit motor bus of a mass transit entity
14 operating under Subtitle K, Title 6, if the motor bus is:

15 (A) operating within the boundaries of a
16 metropolitan planning organization in which:

17 (i) at least five counties are located; and

18 (ii) the two counties with the largest
19 populations are part of a regional mobility authority governed by
20 Chapter 370; and

21 (B) bypassing traffic by operating on the
22 shoulder of a highway designated by the Texas Department of
23 Transportation that is under construction.

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