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H.B. No. 1656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a public transit motor bus by certain mass transit entities on an improved shoulder.

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

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

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

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

(2) a police patrol; ~~or~~

(3) a bicycle; or

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

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

(i) at least five counties are located; and

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

(B) on the shoulder of a highway designated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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