

1-1 By: Morrison (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 3087
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017;
1-3 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	Hall	X		
1-10	Creighton		X	
1-11	Garcia	X		
1-12	Hancock	X		
1-13	Hinojosa	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Perry	X		
1-16	Rodríguez	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the definitions of highway maintenance and service
1-20 vehicles for purposes of certain provisions governing vehicle
1-21 equipment.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 547.001, Transportation Code, is amended
1-24 by adding Subdivisions (2-b) and (6-a) to read as follows:

1-25 (2-b) "Highway maintenance vehicle" means a highway or
1-26 traffic maintenance vehicle designated by the Texas Department of
1-27 Transportation. The term includes equipment for:

1-28 (A) road maintenance, including:

1-29 (i) equipment for snow removal, line
1-30 striping, skid resistance testing, sweeping, and spraying;

1-31 (ii) aerial platform lift machines; and

1-32 (iii) road profiler machines; and

1-33 (B) off-road use, including motor graders, road
1-34 rollers, excavators, pneumatic tire equipment, movers, and
1-35 tractors.

1-36 (6-a) "Service vehicle" means a highway or traffic
1-37 maintenance vehicle that:

1-38 (A) is owned and operated on a highway by or for a
1-39 governmental agency and performs a function requiring the use of a
1-40 lamp or illuminating device in accordance with the standards and
1-41 specifications adopted under Section 547.105; or

1-42 (B) has a public service function, including
1-43 public utility vehicles, tow trucks, and any vehicle designated as
1-44 a service vehicle by the Texas Department of Transportation or as an
1-45 escort flag vehicle under Section 623.099.

1-46 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 547.105, Transportation
1-47 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-48 Sec. 547.105. MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE VEHICLE [EQUIPMENT]
1-49 LIGHTING STANDARDS.

1-50 SECTION 3. Sections 547.105(a) and (b), Transportation
1-51 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-52 (a) The Texas Department of Transportation shall adopt
1-53 standards and specifications that:

1-54 (1) apply to lamps on highway maintenance and service
1-55 vehicles [equipment, including snow-removal equipment]; and

1-56 (2) correlate with and conform as closely as possible
1-57 to standards and specifications approved by the American
1-58 Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

1-59 (b) The Texas Department of Transportation may adopt
1-60 standards and specifications for lighting that permit the use of
1-61 flashing lights for identification purposes on highway maintenance

2-1 and service vehicles [~~equipment, including snow-removal~~
2-2 ~~equipment~~].

2-3 SECTION 4. Section 547.305(e), Transportation Code, is
2-4 amended to read as follows:

2-5 (e) A person may not operate a highway maintenance or
2-6 service vehicle [~~equipment, including snow-removal equipment,~~
2-7 that is not equipped with lamps or that does not display lighted
2-8 lamps as required by the standards and specifications adopted by
2-9 the Texas Department of Transportation.

2-10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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