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S.B. No. 288

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles on certain highways during periods of traffic congestion.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.060, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) An operator on a roadway divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic:

(1) shall drive as nearly as practical entirely within a single lane, except as provided by Subsection (e); and

(2) may not move from the lane unless that movement can be made safely.

(e) The operator of a motorcycle operating on a limited-access or controlled-access highway may operate the motorcycle for a safe distance between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction during periods of traffic congestion if the operator operates the motorcycle:

(1) at a speed not more than five miles per hour greater than the speed of the other traffic; and

(2) in traffic that is moving at a speed of 20 miles per hour or less.

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