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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to highway maintenance vehicles and certain service vehicles.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 545.157(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  This section applies only to the following vehicles:

(1)  a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using visual signals that meet the requirements of Sections 547.305 and 547.702;

(2)  a stationary tow truck using equipment authorized by Section 547.305(d); [~~and~~]

(3)  a Texas Department of Transportation vehicle or a highway maintenance vehicle operated pursuant to a contract awarded under Subchapter A, Chapter 223, not separated from the roadway by a traffic control channelizing device and using visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications adopted under Section 547.105; and

(4)  a service vehicle used in the maintenance of an electrical power line and using visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications adopted under Section 547.105.

SECTION 2.  Section 547.001(2-b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

(A)  road maintenance, including:

(i)  equipment for snow removal, line striping, skid resistance testing, sweeping, [~~and~~] spraying, guard rail repair, sign maintenance, and temporary traffic control device placement or removal;

(ii)  aerial platform lift machines; and

(iii)  road profiler machines; and

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

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.