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H.B. No. 1226

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to highway maintenance 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.

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

1 striping, skid resistance testing, sweeping, [~~and~~] spraying, guard
2 rail repair, sign maintenance, and temporary traffic control device
3 placement or removal;

4 (ii) aerial platform lift machines; and

5 (iii) road profiler machines; and

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

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