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H.B. No. 1289

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring the operator of a vehicle to stop and yield
3 the right-of-way to a pedestrian.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 552.002(b), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) A pedestrian facing a "Walk" signal may proceed across a
8 roadway in the direction of the signal, and the operator of a
9 vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian.

10 SECTION 2. Sections 552.003(a) and (b), Transportation
11 Code, are amended to read as follows:

12 (a) The operator of a vehicle shall stop and yield the
13 right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing a roadway in a crosswalk if:

14 (1) no traffic control signal is in place or in
15 operation; and

16 (2) the pedestrian is:

17 (A) on the half of the roadway in which the
18 vehicle is traveling; or

19 (B) approaching so closely from the opposite half
20 of the roadway as to be in danger.

21 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a pedestrian may not
22 suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and proceed into a
23 crosswalk in the path of a vehicle so close that it is impossible
24 for the vehicle operator to stop and yield.

1 SECTION 3. Section 552.006(c), Transportation Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (c) The operator of a vehicle emerging from or entering an
4 alley, building, or private road or driveway shall stop and yield
5 the right-of-way to a pedestrian approaching on a sidewalk
6 extending across the alley, building entrance or exit, road, or
7 driveway.

8 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
9 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
10 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
11 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
12 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
13 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
14 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was
15 committed before that date.

16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.