

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 1732

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the facilitation of a funeral procession by a vehicle escort service.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 546, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. FUNERAL ESCORT SERVICE VEHICLES

Sec. 546.101. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "funeral escort service" means a business that facilitates the movement of traffic for a funeral procession.

Sec. 546.102. LIMITATION ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES. A local authority may not prohibit a funeral escort service from facilitating the movement of traffic for a funeral procession.

Sec. 546.103. OPERATION OF FUNERAL ESCORT SERVICE VEHICLES. An operator of a vehicle facilitating the movement of a funeral procession for a funeral escort service may proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, after slowing as necessary for safe operation.

Sec. 546.104. DUTY OF CARE. This subchapter does not relieve the operator of a funeral escort service vehicle from:

(1) the duty to operate the vehicle with appropriate regard for the safety of all persons; or

(2) the consequences of reckless disregard for the safety of others.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.