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H.B. No. 3646

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to operating a motor vehicle while a person is occupying the trunk of the motor vehicle; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.4141 to read as follows:

Sec. 545.4141. CARRYING PERSON IN TRUNK; OFFENSE. (a) In this section, "trunk" means that portion of a motor vehicle that is:

(1) designed for the transportation of cargo and not the transportation of the operator or passengers; and

(2) enclosed on all sides and accessible only by means of a door or lid.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person operates a motor vehicle on a highway or street while another person is occupying the trunk.

(c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

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