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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to proof of eligibility for medical priority boarding of ferries operated by the Texas Department of Transportation; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 342, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 342.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 342.005.  PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL PRIORITY BOARDING; OFFENSE. (a) The operator of a vehicle commits an offense if the operator boards or attempts to board a ferry operated by the department during medical priority boarding and the operator:

(1)  does not possess proof that the operator or another person in the vehicle is eligible for the priority boarding; or

(2)  possesses proof of eligibility for the priority boarding that is counterfeit or altered.

(b)  An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.