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By:  Middleton H.B. No. 1182

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fraudulent 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.  FRAUDULENT MEDICAL PRIORITY BOARDING; OFFENSE. (a) An operator of a motor vehicle commits an offense if the operator fraudulently obtains or attempts to obtain priority boarding of a ferry operated by the department that is reserved for vehicles transporting sick or injured persons or medical doctors who are en route for the emergency care of the sick or injured.

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

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