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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a public transit motor bus by certain mass transit entities on an improved shoulder.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 545.058(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  A limitation in this section on driving on an improved shoulder does not apply to:

(1)  an authorized emergency vehicle responding to a call;

(2)  a police patrol;

(3)  a bicycle; [~~or~~]

(4)  a slow-moving vehicle, as defined by Section 547.001; or

(5)  a public transit motor bus of a mass transit entity operating under Subtitle K, Title 6, if the motor bus is:

(A)  operating within the boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization in which:

(i)  at least five counties are located; and

(ii)  the two counties with the largest populations are part of a regional mobility authority governed by Chapter 370; and

(B)  bypassing traffic on a highway that is under construction by operating on a shoulder designated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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