By:  Nelson, et al. S.B. No. 2222

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain equipment provided for use by the officers of the Texas Highway Patrol.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.033 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.033.  CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR VEHICLES. The department shall equip all motor vehicles used by officers of the Texas Highway Patrol in discharging the officers' official duties with bullet-resistant windshields.

SECTION 2.  The Department of Public Safety is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the Department of Public Safety may, but is not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.