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H.B. No. 443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring the operator of a vehicle to stop and yield
3 the right-of-way to a pedestrian.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 544.007(c), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) An operator of a vehicle facing a green arrow signal,
8 displayed alone or with another signal, may cautiously enter the
9 intersection to move in the direction permitted by the arrow or
10 other indication shown simultaneously. The operator shall stop and
11 yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian lawfully in an adjacent
12 crosswalk and shall yield the right-of-way to other traffic
13 lawfully using the intersection.

14 SECTION 2. Section 552.002(b), Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (b) A pedestrian facing a "Walk" signal may proceed across a
17 roadway in the direction of the signal, and the operator of a
18 vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian.

19 SECTION 3. Sections 552.003(a) and (b), Transportation
20 Code, are amended to read as follows:

21 (a) The operator of a vehicle shall stop and yield the
22 right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing a roadway in a crosswalk if:

23 (1) no traffic control signal is in place or in
24 operation; and

1 (2) the pedestrian is:

2 (A) on the half of the roadway in which the
3 vehicle is traveling; or

4 (B) approaching so closely from the opposite half
5 of the roadway as to be in danger.

6 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a pedestrian may not
7 suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and proceed into a
8 crosswalk in the path of a vehicle so close that it is impossible
9 for the vehicle operator to stop and yield.

10 SECTION 4. Section [552.006\(c\)](#), Transportation Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (c) The operator of a vehicle emerging from or entering an
13 alley, building, or private road or driveway shall stop and yield
14 the right-of-way to a pedestrian approaching on a sidewalk
15 extending across the alley, building entrance or exit, road, or
16 driveway.

17 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only
18 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
19 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
20 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
21 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
22 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
23 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was
24 committed before that date.

25 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.