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H.B. No. 2048

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the criminal offense of passing certain vehicles on a  
3 highway.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 545.157(a), Transportation Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) This section applies only to the following vehicles:

8 (1) a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using  
9 visual signals that meet the requirements of Sections 547.305 and  
10 547.702;

11 (2) a stationary tow truck using equipment authorized  
12 by Section 547.305(d);

13 (3) a Texas Department of Transportation vehicle or a  
14 highway maintenance or construction vehicle operated pursuant to a  
15 contract awarded under Subchapter A, Chapter 223, not separated  
16 from the roadway by a traffic control channelizing device and using  
17 visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications  
18 adopted under Section 547.105;

19 (4) a service vehicle used by or for a utility, as  
20 defined by Section 203.091, and using visual signals that comply  
21 with the standards and specifications adopted under Section  
22 547.105; ~~and~~

23 (5) a stationary vehicle used exclusively to transport  
24 municipal solid waste, as defined by Section 361.003, Health and

1 Safety Code, or recyclable material, as defined by Section [361.421](#),  
2 Health and Safety Code, while being operated in connection with the  
3 removal or transportation of municipal solid waste or recyclable  
4 material from a location adjacent to the highway; and

5 (6) a vehicle operated by or pursuant to a contract  
6 with a toll project entity, as defined by Section [372.001](#), using  
7 visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications  
8 adopted under Section [547.105](#).

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