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H.B. No. 3026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the operation and regulation of certain automated motor
3 vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 545.452, Transportation
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 545.452. EXCLUSIVE REGULATION OF AUTOMATED MOTOR
8 VEHICLES AND AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEMS [~~SUBCHAPTER AND DEPARTMENT~~
9 ~~GOVERN EXCLUSIVELY~~].

10 SECTION 2. Section 545.452(a), Transportation Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Unless otherwise provided by this subchapter, automated
13 motor vehicles, including any commercial use or operation of
14 automated motor vehicles, and automated driving systems [~~the~~
15 ~~following~~] are governed exclusively by:

16 (1) this subchapter; and

17 (2) Section 547.618 [~~+~~

18 [~~(1) automated motor vehicles, including any~~
19 ~~commercial use or operation of automated motor vehicles; and~~

20 [~~(2) automated driving systems~~].

21 SECTION 3. Subchapter K, Chapter 547, Transportation Code,
22 is amended by adding Section 547.618 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 547.618. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATED
24 MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) In this section, "automated motor vehicle" and

1 "automated driving system" have the meanings assigned by Section
2 545.451.

3 (b) An automated motor vehicle that is designed to be
4 operated exclusively by the automated driving system for all trips
5 is not subject to motor vehicle equipment laws or regulations of
6 this state that:

7 (1) relate to or support motor vehicle operation by a
8 human driver; and

9 (2) are not relevant for an automated driving system.

10 (c) If a vehicle safety inspection is required under this
11 code for the operation of a vehicle described by Subsection (b), the
12 vehicle shall automatically be considered to pass the inspection
13 with respect to any equipment:

14 (1) the requirements from which the vehicle is exempt
15 under Subsection (b); or

16 (2) the inspection of which is not required under
17 Section 548.051.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.