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S.B. No. 1291

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the operation of a public transit motor bus by certain
3 mass transit entities on an improved shoulder.

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

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

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

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

11 (2) a police patrol;

12 (3) a bicycle; ~~or~~

13 (4) a slow-moving vehicle, as defined by Section
14 547.001; or

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

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

19 (i) at least five counties are located; and

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

23 (B) bypassing traffic on a highway that is under
24 construction by operating on a shoulder designated by the Texas

1 Department of Transportation.

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