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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles on a roadway laned for traffic.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.0605 to read as follows:

Sec. 545.0605.  OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES ON ROADWAY LANED FOR TRAFFIC. (a) Notwithstanding Section 545.060(a)(1), the operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may:

(1)  operate the motorcycle for a safe distance between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction; or

(2)  pass a motor vehicle while in the same lane as the vehicle being passed only if:

(A)  the operator is on a divided highway with at least two lanes of traffic in each direction;

(B)  the vehicle being passed is stopped or moving at a speed of not more than 10 miles per hour;

(C)  the motorcycle is operated at a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour when making the pass; and

(D)  the pass can be made safely.

(b)  Subsection (a) does not authorize the operator of a motorcycle to pass a school bus in a manner prohibited by Section 545.066.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.