By:  Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 4122

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023; May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

West              X

Alvarado          X

Eckhardt          X

Hancock           X

King              X

Miles             X

Parker            X

Perry                       X

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) The operator of a motorcycle:

(1)  is entitled to full use of a lane and, except as otherwise provided by Subdivision (2), a motor vehicle may not be driven in a manner that deprives a motorcycle of the full use of a lane;

(2)  may operate the motorcycle two abreast in a single lane with another motorcycle; and

(3)  may not;

(A)  operate the motorcycle more than two abreast in a single lane with other motorcycles;

(B)  operate the motorcycle between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction; or

(C)  pass a motor vehicle while in the same lane as the vehicle being passed.

(b)  Subsection (a)(3) does not apply to a police officer in the performance of the officer's official duties.

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

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