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H.B. No. 1521

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1521:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to transporting dogs in open truck or trailer beds in
3 certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 545.4146 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 545.4146. TRANSPORTING DOGS IN OPEN BEDS. (a) This
8 section applies only to a vehicle being operated or a trailer being
9 drawn:

10 (1) in a county with a population of more than 500,000;

11 and

12 (2) on a freeway with a speed limit of 60 miles per
13 hour or more.

14 (b) A person may not operate an open-bed pickup truck or an
15 open flatbed truck or draw an open flatbed trailer described by
16 Subsection (a) when a dog is occupying the bed of the truck or
17 trailer unless:

18 (1) the dog occupying the bed of the truck or trailer
19 is secured in a crate, cage, or other closed container; and

20 (2) the container required by Subdivision (1) is
21 securely attached to the walls or bed of the truck or trailer.

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