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H.B. No. 1521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to transporting dogs in open truck or trailer beds in certain counties.

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

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

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

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

and

(2) on a highway or street with a speed limit of 30 miles per hour or more.

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

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

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

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