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H.B. No. 5147

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the rules of the road regarding red signals at certain traffic-control signals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 544.007, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) An operator of a vehicle facing only a steady red signal shall stop at a clearly marked stop line. In the absence of a stop line, the operator shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection. Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), a [A] vehicle that is not turning shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown. After stopping, standing until the intersection may be entered safely, and yielding right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully in an adjacent crosswalk and other traffic lawfully using the intersection, the operator may:

(1) turn right; or

(2) turn left, if the intersecting streets are both one-way streets and a left turn is permissible.

(d-1) An operator of a motorcycle or bicycle facing only a steady red signal at a traffic-actuated electric traffic-control signal, as described by Section 544.0075, may proceed if the traffic-actuated electric traffic-control signal fails to register the motorcycle or bicycle. The right to proceed is subject to the

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1 rules applicable after stopping at a stop sign.

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