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S.B. No. 2156

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to human operators of automated motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.451(4), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Human operator" means a natural person in an automated motor vehicle who is capable of performing all aspects of ~~[controls]~~ the entire dynamic driving task.

SECTION 2. Section 545.452(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Unless otherwise provided by this subchapter, the operation of automated motor vehicles, including any commercial use, and automated driving systems are governed exclusively by ~~[+]~~

~~[(1)]~~ this subchapter ~~[, and~~

~~[(2) Section 547.618]~~.

SECTION 3. Subchapter J, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.4525 to read as follows:

Sec. 545.4525. REQUIREMENTS OF HUMAN OPERATOR. A human operator of an automated motor vehicle must hold a valid driver's license issued under Chapter 521 or 522.

SECTION 4. Section 545.454(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An automated motor vehicle may operate in this state with the automated driving system engaged only if ~~[, regardless of~~

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1 ~~whether~~] a human operator is physically present in the vehicle.

2 SECTION 5. Sections 545.453 and 547.618, Transportation
3 Code, are repealed.

4 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.