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H.B. No. 2041

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the criminal offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.157(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to the following vehicles:

(1) a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using visual signals that meet the requirements of Sections 547.305 and 547.702;

(2) a stationary tow truck using equipment authorized by Section 547.305(d);

(3) a Texas Department of Transportation vehicle or a highway maintenance or construction vehicle operated pursuant to a contract awarded under Subchapter A, Chapter 223, not separated from the roadway by a traffic control channelizing device and using visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications adopted under Section 547.105;

(4) a service vehicle used by or for a utility, as defined by Section 203.091, and using visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications adopted under Section 547.105;

(5) a stationary vehicle used exclusively to transport municipal solid waste, as defined by Section 361.003, Health and

1 Safety Code, or recyclable material, as defined by Section 361.421,
2 Health and Safety Code, while being operated in connection with the
3 removal or transportation of municipal solid waste or recyclable
4 material from a location adjacent to the highway; ~~and~~

5 (6) a vehicle operated by or pursuant to a contract
6 with a toll project entity, as defined by Section 372.001, using
7 visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications
8 adopted under Section 547.105;

9 (7) a vehicle operated by an animal control officer,
10 as defined by Section 829.001, Health and Safety Code, for the
11 purpose of removing an animal or animal carcass from a roadway, or
12 an individual authorized to dispose of a carcass of an animal under
13 Section 361.117, Health and Safety Code, for the purpose of
14 removing an animal carcass from a roadway, and using visual signals
15 that comply with the standards and specifications adopted under
16 Section 547.105; and

17 (8) a vehicle operated by an employee of a local
18 authority for the purpose of issuing a parking citation and using
19 visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications
20 adopted under Section 547.105.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.