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H.B. No. 2462

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of a high occupancy vehicle lane by certain operators of motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.429 to read as follows:

Sec. 545.429. USE OF HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE BY CERTAIN OPERATORS. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), a female operator of a motor vehicle who is pregnant or is a parent or legal guardian of another person is entitled to use any high occupancy vehicle lane in this state regardless of the number of occupants in the motor vehicle.

(b) The entitlement provided by Subsection (a) does not apply if the Texas Department of Transportation receives notice from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration that the use of a high occupancy vehicle lane as provided by Subsection (a) would result in the loss of federal highway funding or other punitive actions taken against this state due to noncompliance with federal laws, regulations, or policies.

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