

By: Perez of Harris

H.B. No. 3726

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3726:

By: Craddick

C.S.H.B. No. 3726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the 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 Safety Code, or recyclable material, as defined by Section 361.421,

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

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

8 (7) a vehicle stopped on the shoulder of the highway or
9 adjacent to the highway and:

10 (A) using hazard lamps that comply with Section
11 547.331; or

12 (B) demarcated by other warning devices, such as
13 traffic cones, flares, or retroreflective devices.

14 SECTION 2. Section 547.305(e-4), Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (e-4) A vehicle described by Section 545.157(a)(1), (2),
17 (3), (4), (5), or (6) ~~[545.157(a)]~~ may be equipped with flashing
18 blue lights.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.