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S.B. No. 1013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the right-of-way of pedestrians and other sidewalk users.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.256, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 545.256. EMERGING FROM OR ENTERING AN ALLEY, DRIVEWAY, OR BUILDING. (a) In this section, "sidewalk user" means an individual lawfully operating one of the following on a sidewalk:

(1) a bicycle;

(2) a motor-assisted scooter, as defined by Section 551.351;

(3) an electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined by Section 551.201;

(4) a skateboard;

(5) roller skates; or

(6) a similar device.

(b) An operator emerging from an alley, driveway, or building in a business or residence district shall:

(1) stop the vehicle before moving on a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across an alley or driveway;

(2) yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or sidewalk user to avoid collision; and

(3) on entering the roadway, yield the right-of-way to

1 an approaching vehicle.

2 (c) An operator entering an alley, driveway, or building in
3 a business or residence district from a roadway shall yield the
4 right-of-way to a pedestrian or sidewalk user who is located on a
5 sidewalk or within the area of a sidewalk extending across the alley
6 or driveway to avoid collision.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.