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S.B. No. 1153

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to take an action that would disrupt commerce based on the occurrence of an astronomical event.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1003, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 1003.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 1003.006. PROTECTION OF COMMERCE DURING ASTRONOMICAL EVENT. The department may not take an action based on the occurrence of an astronomical event if that action would result in the disruption of commerce, including the disruption of commercial transportation, unless the area affected by the action is subject to:

(1) a state of disaster declared under Section 418.014 or 418.108, Government Code; or

(2) a disaster declared by the president of the United States.

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