

1-1 By: Wu, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 812  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;  
 1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Transportation; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to standing in a roadway; amending provisions subject to a  
 1-20 criminal penalty.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 552.007, Transportation  
 1-23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 552.007. [~~SOLICITATION BY~~] PEDESTRIANS IN ROADWAY.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 552.007(a), Transportation Code, is  
 1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 (a) A person may not stand in a roadway in a manner that  
 1-28 impedes vehicular traffic or presents a danger to the person or  
 1-29 another person unless [~~to solicit a ride, contribution, employment,~~  
 1-30 ~~or business from an occupant of a vehicle, except that a person may~~  
 1-31 ~~stand in a roadway to solicit a charitable contribution if]~~  
 1-32 authorized to do so by the local authority having jurisdiction over  
 1-33 the roadway.

1-34 SECTION 3. Sections 552.006(b), 552.007(b) and (c), and  
 1-35 552.0071, Transportation Code, are repealed.

1-36 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-37 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
 1-38 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed  
 1-39 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the  
 1-40 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
 1-41 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
 1-42 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

1-43 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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