

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 305  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
1-4 March 13, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 13, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X			
1-9	West	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Johnson	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Miles	X			
1-16	Perry	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the criminal offense of passing certain vehicles on a  
1-20 highway.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 545.157(a), Transportation Code, is  
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) This section applies only to the following vehicles:

1-25 (1) a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using  
1-26 visual signals that meet the requirements of Sections 547.305 and  
1-27 547.702;

1-28 (2) a stationary tow truck using equipment authorized  
1-29 by Section 547.305(d);

1-30 (3) a Texas Department of Transportation vehicle or a  
1-31 highway maintenance or construction vehicle operated pursuant to a  
1-32 contract awarded under Subchapter A, Chapter 223, not separated  
1-33 from the roadway by a traffic control channelizing device and using  
1-34 visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications  
1-35 adopted under Section 547.105;

1-36 (4) a service vehicle used by or for a utility, as  
1-37 defined by Section 203.091, and using visual signals that comply  
1-38 with the standards and specifications adopted under Section  
1-39 547.105;

1-40 (5) a stationary vehicle used exclusively to transport  
1-41 municipal solid waste, as defined by Section 361.003, Health and  
1-42 Safety Code, or recyclable material, as defined by Section 361.421,  
1-43 Health and Safety Code, while being operated in connection with the  
1-44 removal or transportation of municipal solid waste or recyclable  
1-45 material from a location adjacent to the highway; ~~and~~

1-46 (6) a vehicle operated by or pursuant to a contract  
1-47 with a toll project entity, as defined by Section 372.001, using  
1-48 visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications  
1-49 adopted under Section 547.105;

1-50 (7) a vehicle operated by an animal control officer,  
1-51 as defined by Section 829.001, Health and Safety Code, for the  
1-52 purpose of removing an animal or animal carcass from a roadway, or  
1-53 an individual authorized to dispose of a carcass of an animal under  
1-54 Section 361.117, Health and Safety Code, for the purpose of  
1-55 removing an animal carcass from a roadway, and using visual signals  
1-56 that comply with the standards and specifications adopted under  
1-57 Section 547.105; and

1-58 (8) a vehicle operated by an employee of a local  
1-59 authority for the purpose of issuing a parking citation and using  
1-60 visual signals that comply with the standards and specifications  
1-61 adopted under Section 547.105.

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