

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 506
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1-4 Homeland Security; March 20, 2009, reported favorably by the
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles during
1-9 periods of traffic congestion.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 545.060, Transportation Code, is amended
1-12 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
1-13 follows:

1-14 (a) An operator on a roadway divided into two or more
1-15 clearly marked lanes for traffic:

1-16 (1) shall drive as nearly as practical entirely within
1-17 a single lane, except as provided by Subsection (e); and

1-18 (2) may not move from the lane unless that movement can
1-19 be made safely.

1-20 (e) The operator of a motorcycle may operate the motorcycle
1-21 for a safe distance between lanes of traffic moving in the same
1-22 direction during periods of traffic congestion if:

1-23 (1) notwithstanding Section 661.003(c), the operator
1-24 and any passenger wear protective headgear that meets the safety
1-25 standards adopted by the department; and

1-26 (2) the operator operates the motorcycle:

1-27 (A) at a speed not more than five miles per hour
1-28 greater than the speed of the other traffic;

1-29 (B) in traffic that is moving at a speed of 20
1-30 miles per hour or less; and

1-31 (C) in a location other than a school crossing
1-32 zone or a location where the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour
1-33 or less.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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