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Bill to be numbered.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles on a roadway
laned for traffic.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.060(a), Transportation Code, is
amended to read as follows:

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

(1) shall drive as nearly as practical entirely within a
single lane, except as provided by Section 545.0605; and

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

SECTION 2. **Section 545.0605, Transportation Code, is amended**
by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
follows:

(a) The operator of a motorcycle:

(1) is entitled to full use of a lane and, except as
otherwise provided by Subdivision (2) herein, a any motor vehicle
may not be driven in a manner that deprives a motorcycle of the
full use of a lane, without exception;

(2) may:

(A) operate the motorcycle:

(i) two abreast in a single lane with another
motorcycle; or

(ii) for a safe distance between lanes of
traffic moving in the same direction; or

(B) pass a motor vehicle while in the same lane as

the vehicle being passed, or between lanes, only if:

(i) the operator is on a divided highway with at least two lanes of traffic in the same direction;

(ii) the vehicle(s) being passed is stopped or moving at a speed of not more than 15 miles per hour;

(iii) the motorcycle is operated at a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour when making the pass; and

(iv) the pass can be made safely; and

(v) at an illuminated traffic signal and beyond the distance allowed to proceed by a single cycle of the signal; and

(vi) while filtering at an illuminated traffic signal while red, the motorcycle must rejoin the lane of traffic when the signal illuminates green; and

(3) **may not**

[(A) operate the motorcycle more than two abreast in a single lane with other motorcycles[~~+~~

~~[(B) operate the motorcycle between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction; or~~

~~[(C) pass a motor vehicle while in the same lane as the vehicle being passed] .~~

[(B) **pass vehicles between lanes of traffic while travelling on State, U.S., or Interstate highways when traffic is moving at normal speeds**] .

(c) Subsection (a) does not authorize the operator of a motorcycle to pass a school bus in a manner prohibited by Section 545.066.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.