

CHAPTER 197

H.B. No. 1210

An Act relating to police departments authorized to take possession of abandoned motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 5.01(1), Texas Litter Abatement Act (Article 4477-9a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Police department" means the Department of Public Safety, the police department of any [a] city, town, or municipality, acting under the general police power authority as vested in such [the] department by its respective governing body, *the police department of any institution of higher education*, or the sheriff or a constable of any [a] county.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 18, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 9, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: May 24, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985