

## CHAPTER 868

## H.B. No. 267

An Act relating to authorizing rooftop warning lamps and movable stop arms on school buses.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 105(b), Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) *In addition to the signal lamps required by Section 124 of this Act, a school bus may be equipped with rooftop warning lamps that conform to and are placed on the bus in accordance with specifications adopted under Subsection (a) of this section. The warning lamps may be operated only during inclement weather when the bus [It shall be unlawful to operate any flashing warning signal light on any school bus except when any said school bus] is being stopped or is stopped on a highway for the purpose of permitting school children to board or alight from the [said] school bus.*

**SECTION 2.** Subsections (c) and (e), Section 131, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(c) Flashing lights are prohibited except as authorized or required in Sections 105, 122, 124, 125 and 131.

(e) *It shall be unlawful to operate any flashing warning signal light on any school bus except when the [any said] school bus is being stopped or is stopped on a highway for the purpose of permitting school children to board or alight from the [said] school bus.*

**SECTION 3.** Section 105, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) *A school bus may be equipped and operated with movable stop arms in conformity with regulations adopted under Subsection (a) of this section. A movable stop arm on a school bus may be operated only when the bus is stopped for permitting school children to board or alight from the bus.*

**SECTION 4.** Not later than January 1, 1986, the Department of Public Safety and the Central Education Agency shall adopt the regulations made necessary by Section 105(e), Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as added by this Act.

**SECTION 5.** 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 4, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 123, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 267 on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: Immediately