

CHAPTER 584

S.B. No. 1302

An Act relating to the liability of the operator of a boat or motor vehicle for litter offenses; providing a penalty; adding Section 2.08 to the Texas Litter Abatement Act (Article 4477-9a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. The Texas Litter Abatement Act (Article 4477-9a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) is amended by adding Section 2.08 to read as follows:

"Section 2.08. LIABILITY OF OPERATOR OF BOAT OR MOTOR VEHICLE. (a) In this section:

"(1) 'Litter' means refuse or junk, as those terms are defined by Section 2.04 of this Act.

"(2) 'Motor vehicle' has the meaning assigned by Subsection (b), Section 2, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

"(3) 'Public highway' has the meaning assigned by Section 2.04 of this Act.

"(b) A person commits an offense if the person:

"(1) is operating a boat or motor vehicle; and

"(2) litter is thrown or discharged from the boat or motor vehicle into the state's inland or coastal waters or onto a public highway.

"(c) An offense under this section is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$200."

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. 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 the Senate on May 9, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 5, one present not voting.

Approved: June 13, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985