

CHAPTER 132

S.B. No. 851

AN ACT

relating to the application of certain vehicle laws to elevator constructors responding to an elevator emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 95, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (a) and by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by *Subsections* ~~[Subsection]~~ (c) and (d) of this section and except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall:

(1) ~~[1.]~~ Stop, stand or park a vehicle:

(A) ~~[a.]~~ On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

(B) ~~[b.]~~ On a sidewalk;

(C) ~~[c.]~~ Within an intersection;

(D) ~~[d.]~~ On a crosswalk;

(E) ~~[e.]~~ Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the governing body of any incorporated city, town or village indicates a different length by signs or markings;

(F) ~~[f.]~~ Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;

(G) ~~[g.]~~ Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;

(H) ~~[h.]~~ On any railroad track;

- (1) [~~i.~~] At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
- (2) [~~2.~~] Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:
- (A) [~~a.~~] In front of a public or private driveway;
- (B) [~~b.~~] Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
- (C) [~~c.~~] Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (D) [~~d.~~] Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- (E) [~~e.~~] Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of said entrance (when properly sign-posted);
- (F) [~~f.~~] At any place where official signs prohibit standing.
- (3) [~~3.~~] Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers:
- (A) [~~a.~~] Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- (B) [~~b.~~] At any place where official signs prohibit parking.

*(d) A municipality may adopt an ordinance exempting private vehicles operated by elevator constructors responding to an elevator emergency from the restrictions of Subsections (a)(1)(A), (E), (F), and (1), (2), and (3) of this section.*

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

Passed the Senate on April 15, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 8, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved May 20, 1987.

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