

**Traffic
Safety
Update**



Texas Department of Transportation
**Texas Department of
 Motor Vehicles**

**H.B. 3097 creates a
 Texas DMV**

**-Transfers authority over
 the registration and titling
 of vehicles
 effective Nov. 1, 2009**

Registration of Vehicles

- ❖ Municipalities can register recreational off-highway vehicles for operation on a highway or public or private beach to maintain _____ and _____.
- ❖ No more registration of golf carts

Driver's Licenses

❖ New residents have _____ days to obtain a Texas driver's license

❖ Persons under 21 must take a _____

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❖ _____ waiver of driving test for anyone under 18

❖ Applicants for Class M license or endorsement must take a _____

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Driver Education / Driving Safety

❖ Must now include a component relating to the effect of using _____ or engaging in other distracting behavior and information related to _____

Driving While License Invalid

Enhancements:

DWLI & _____ = Class B

If a crash results in serious injury or death = Class A

Rules of the Road

❖ Title 7, Subtitle C, Chapters 541-600, Transportation Code

New penalties

If failure to yield ROW causes crash and:

-person suffers _____ injury
= fine of \$500 - \$2,000

-person suffers _____
_____ injury or death
= fine of \$1,000 - \$4,000

Child Passenger Safety Seat Systems

- ❖ Substantive: increased age limit to under _____, unless 4'9" or taller
- ❖ Fine amount: reduced from \$100-\$200 to not more than \$ _____ on first offense or not more than \$ _____ on subsequent offense
- ❖ Court cost: new _____ cent court cost on conviction under this section

Effective date vs. enforcement date
Sept 1, 2009 June 1, 2010

Safety Belts

- ❖ _____ occupants of a vehicle must be in a safety belt. For adults – no longer just those in the front seat.
- ❖ New offense for an operator of a _____ to allow a child under 17 to ride not secured in a safety belt.

NECESSARY?

What's wrong with this picture?



❖ Motorcyclist prohibited from carrying a child under _____ on a motorcycle

❖ Fine of not less than \$ _____, not more than \$200

❖ Does not prohibit person from carrying a child under 5 in a sidecar

Cell Phone Laws

❖ Person under 18 may not operate a vehicle while using a wireless communication device, except in case of emergency

❖ Wireless communication device means a handheld or _____ that uses commercial mobile services

❖ NOTE: restricted driving for first _____ months of licensure

Cell Phone Laws

❖ Operator may not use wireless communication device while operating motor vehicle within a _____

❖ Fine = \$1 minimum to \$ _____ maximum

SCHOOL
SPEED
LIMIT
20
WHEN
FLASHING

CELL PHONE
USE
PROHIBITED
UP TO \$200 FINE

Penalties for Pedestrian Injury

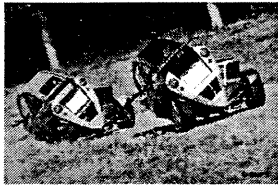
If offense results in serious bodily injury or death to a blind or disabled person:

- max fine = \$ _____
- _____ hours community service

FMFR related laws

H.B. 586: requires court to allow defendant to show evidence of financial responsibility in _____ period to get car released from impoundment

Motormobiles



- ❖ New 3-wheeled vehicles – called “motorcycles”
- ❖ Class _____ not required


**Motorcycle Helmet
Laws**

it IS against the law

Exception: under _____...

Disabled Parking

	Current Law	H.B. 3095	S.B. 52
First	\$250 - \$500 fine	\$500 - \$750 fine	same as current
Second	\$300 - \$600 fine	\$550 - \$800 fine & 10 hrs CS	\$500 - \$800 fine & 10 hrs CS
Third	\$300 - \$600 fine & 10-20 hrs CS	\$550 - \$800 fine & 20-30 hrs CS	\$550 - \$800 fine & 20 hrs CS
Fourth	\$500 - \$1,000 fine & 20-50 hrs CS	\$800 - \$1,100 fine & 50 hrs CS	\$800 - \$1,100 fine & 30 hrs CS
Fifth	\$1,000 fine & 50 hrs CS	\$1,250 fine & 50 hrs CS	\$1,250 fine & 50 hrs CS



H.B. 400: new compliance dismissal for expired disabled parking placards

- ❖ Renewed within _____ working days or by first court appearance, whichever is later
- ❖ Not expired more than _____ days
- ❖ Administrative fee not to exceed \$ _____

Driver Responsibility Program

- DL may not be suspended before 105th day
- Procedure to deduct points for good behavior
- Minimum time periods to pay surcharges
- Establish indigency program
- Waiver of all surcharges for indigent person

effective Sept. 1, 2011!

