

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2327 as passed by the Eighty-Second Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill 2327 would allow transit buses to use highway shoulders to pass traffic backups during peak traffic hours in certain urban counties. Currently, highway shoulders may only be used by motorists to pull out of the main lanes of the roadway in the case of a mechanical malfunction or emergency, and to allow the bypass of traffic by emergency vehicles.

House Bill 2327 is similar to Senate Bill 434, which I vetoed in 2009. While there are new provisions in this bill that attempt to address concerns, including additional training for bus drivers and a provision allowing the Texas Department of Transportation to suspend the program in some instances, allowing highway shoulders to be used by transit buses would leave no emergency lane, confuse drivers as to the purpose of highway shoulders, and endanger motorists, emergency personnel and transit bus passengers.

Since the Eighty-Second Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2011.

Rick Perry
RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Esperanza Andrade
ESPERANZA "HOPE" ANDRADE
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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