CHAPTER 1099

H.B. No. 3668

AN ACT

relating to an individual's responsibilities following an accident reasonably likely to result in injury to or death of a person; imposing criminal penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 550.021(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident that results or is reasonably likely to result [resulting] in injury to or death of a person shall:

(1) immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close to the scene as possible;
(2) immediately return to the scene of the accident if the vehicle is not stopped at the scene of the accident; [and]
(3) immediately determine whether a person is involved in the accident, and if a person is involved in the accident, whether that person requires aid; and
(4) remain at the scene of the accident until the operator complies with the requirements of Section 550.023.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 7, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1100

H.B. No. 3674

AN ACT

relating to eligibility of municipalities to participate in the historic courthouse preservation and maintenance programs administered by the Texas Historical Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 442.001(1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) “Historic courthouse” means a county courthouse that is at least 50 years old. The term includes a structure that:

(A) previously functioned as the official county courthouse of the county in which it is located; and
(B) is owned by a municipality.

SECTION 2. Sections 442.001(1), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g–1), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A county or municipality that owns a historic courthouse may apply to the commission for a grant or loan for a historic courthouse project. The application must:

(1) state the location of the courthouse;
(2) state whether the courthouse is or is likely to become a historic structure;
(3) state the amount of money or in-kind contributions that the county or municipality promises to contribute to the project;
(4) state whether the courthouse is currently functioning as a courthouse;
(5) include any plans, including a master preservation plan, that the county or municipality may have for the project; and
(6) include any other information that the commission by rule may require.

(c) The commission may grant or loan money to a county or municipality that owns a historic courthouse, for the purpose of preserving or restoring the courthouse, if the county's or municipality's application meets the standards of the historic courthouse preservation program. In considering whether to grant an application, the commission shall consider the preferences and factors listed in this section as well as any other factors that it may provide by rule.

(d) In considering whether to grant an application, the commission shall give preference to:

(1) a proposed project to preserve or restore a courthouse:
   (A) that is or is likely to become a historic structure; and
   (B) that:
      (i) is still functioning as a courthouse;
      (ii) was built before 1875; or
      (iii) is subject to a conservation easement held by the commission; and
   (2) a county or municipality that will provide or has provided at least 15 percent of the project's costs, including:
      (A) in-kind contributions; and
      (B) previous expenditures for master planning and renovations on the courthouse that are the subject of the application.

(e) In considering whether to grant an application, the commission shall also consider the following factors:

(1) the amount of money available for a grant or loan and the percentage of the costs that the county or municipality will contribute;
(2) whether the county or municipality will contribute any in-kind contribution such as labor or materials;
(3) the cost to preserve or restore the courthouse;
(4) the architectural style of the courthouse;
(5) the historic significance of the courthouse;
(6) the county's or municipality's master preservation plan; and
(7) any other factors that the commission by rule may provide.

(f) The commission shall adopt rules regarding the way in which it will consider the following factors in analyzing a county's or municipality's contribution to project costs under Subsection (d)(2):

(1) the period during which past expenditures can be considered;
(2) the amount of past expenditures that can be considered; and
(3) the amount and type of in-kind contributions that can be considered.

(g-1) To help protect courthouses that have benefited from the historic courthouse preservation program, the commission shall develop and implement a maintenance program to assist counties and municipalities receiving money under the preservation program in continuing to maintain, repair, and preserve the courthouses. The maintenance program may include offering to periodically inspect the courthouses and offering counties and municipalities technical assistance and information on best practices in maintaining the courthouses.

SECTION 3. Section 442.0082, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 442.0082. HISTORIC COURTHOUSE PROJECT; REQUIREMENTS. (a) Before incurring any expenses payable from funds received from the commission under the historic courthouse preservation program, a county or municipality must have a master preservation plan for its historic courthouse project. The commission by rule shall prescribe the minimum standards for a master preservation plan.

(b) A county or municipality that receives money under the historic courthouse preservation program must use recognized preservation standards for work on a historic courthouse project. The commission by rule shall establish standards regarding the quality of the work performed on a historic courthouse project.

(c) A county or municipality that receives money under the historic courthouse preservation program for a historic courthouse project may use the money only for eligible preservation and restoration expenses that the commission by rule shall prescribe. Eligible expenses may include costs for:

1. structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and weather protection and emergency public safety issues not covered by insurance;
2. code and environmental compliance, including complying with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its subsequent amendments, Chapter 469 [Art. 9.02, Revised Statutes], and other state laws relating to accessibility standards, hazardous materials mitigation rules, and other similar concerns;
3. replication of a missing architectural feature;
4. removal of an inappropriate addition or modification; and
5. restoration of a courtroom or other significant public space in a functional and historically appropriate manner.

(d) A county's or municipality's expenditure of money received under this chapter for a historic courthouse project is subject to audit by the state auditor in accordance with Chapter 321.

(e) The commission by rule shall provide for oversight procedures on a project. These rules shall provide for reasonable inspections by the commission as well as periodic reports by a county or municipality on a project's progress.

SECTION 4. Section 442.0083(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (c), the commission may use money in the historic courthouse preservation fund account to provide a grant or loan to a county or municipality that owns a historic courthouse for a historic courthouse project. The grant or loan may be in the amount and according to the terms that the commission by rule shall determine.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 85, Nays 60, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1101

H.B. No. 3676

AN ACT
relating to the application of restrictions on drivers under 18 years of age.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.424(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

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