(1) vacate the lane closest to the vehicle when driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the vehicle; or
(2) slow to a speed not to exceed:
   (A) 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or more; or
   (B) five miles per hour when the posted speed limit is less than 25 miles per hour.
(c) A violation of this section is:
   (1) a misdemeanor punishable under Section 542.401;
   (2) a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $500 if the violation results in property damage; or
   (3) a Class B misdemeanor if the violation results in bodily injury.
(d) If conduct constituting an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under another section of this code or the Penal Code, the actor may be prosecuted under either section or under both sections.
(e) In this section:
   (1) "Tow truck" means a vehicle that:
      (A) has been issued a permit under Subchapter C, Chapter 2308, Occupations Code; and
      (B) is operated by a person licensed under Subchapter D, Chapter 2308, Occupations Code.
   (2) "Traffic control channelizing device" means equipment used to warn and alert drivers of conditions created by work activities in or near the traveled way, to protect workers in a temporary traffic control zone, and to guide drivers and pedestrians safely. The term includes a traffic cone, tubular marker, vertical panel, drum, barricade, temporary raised island, concrete or cable barrier, guardrail, or channelizer.
SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 545.301, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
(b) This section does not apply to an operator of:
   (1) a vehicle that is disabled while on the paved or main traveled part of a highway if it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the vehicle on the highway;
   (2) a vehicle used exclusively to transport solid, semisolid, or liquid waste operated at the time in connection with the removal or transportation of solid, semisolid, or liquid waste from a location adjacent to the highway; or
   (3) a tow truck, as defined by Section 545.157(e), that is performing towing duties under Chapter 2308, Occupations Code.
SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed the Senate on March 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 142, Nays 1, two present not voting.
Approved May 2, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 7
S.B. No. 530
AN ACT
relating to the inclusion of the emblem of the veteran's branch of service on Disabled Veteran specialty license plates.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

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SECTION 1. Subsection (e-i), Section 504.202, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e-i) Other than license plates issued under Subsection (h), license plates issued under this section may include, on request:

(1) the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or

(2) one emblem from another license plate to which the person is entitled [to a person also entitled to license plates issued] under Section 504.308, 504.315, or 504.316 [may, at the request of the person, include one emblem from the other license plates to which the person is entitled].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 27, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved May 2, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 8

S.B. No. 543

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Midland County Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, to employ and commission peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 1061, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1061.121 to read as follows:

Sec. 1061.121. EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The board may employ and commission peace officers for the district.

(b) The jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under this section includes the property owned or controlled by the district.

(c) In a district peace officer's jurisdiction, the peace officer has the authority granted by Chapter 14, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace officers:

(1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public Safety;

(5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

(6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

(7) each member of an arson investigating unit commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

(8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081, Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

(9) officers commissioned by the General Services Commission;