CHAPTER 502

S.B. No. 926

AN ACT

relating to the imposition of a civil penalty against the owner of an authorized emergency vehicle for a violation recorded by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 707, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 707.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 707.0021. IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY ON OWNER OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE. (a) In this section, "authorized emergency vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 541.201.

(b) A local authority may not impose or attempt to impose a civil penalty under this chapter on the owner of an authorized emergency vehicle.

(c) This section does not prohibit an employer from taking disciplinary action against an employee who as the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle operated the vehicle in violation of a rule or policy of the employer.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 9, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 503

S.B. No. 927

AN ACT

relating to tampering with a direct recording electronic voting machine.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.05, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) With the consent of the appropriate local county or district attorney, the attorney general has concurrent jurisdiction with that consenting local prosecutor to investigate or prosecute an offense under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 2, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 133, Nays 7, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 504

S.B. No. 940

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of the public practice of geoscience.

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