



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-22

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The Equal Access to Public Transportation Bill

"A bill requesting Transportation Services improve driver familiarity with the wheelchair lifts on University buses."

Whereas(1): The Texas A&M University Student Government Association serves as the voice of all students of Texas A&M University; and,

Whereas(2): All students of Texas A&M University pay for the usage of the University bus system with their student fees; and,

Whereas(3): All University buses are equipped to carry students using wheelchairs; and,

Whereas(4): All University bus drivers take a course on the proper operating of wheelchair lifts on University buses; and,

Whereas(5): This is the last time that many drivers receive any experience or training on the operation of wheelchair lifts, leaving most University bus drivers with little to no knowledge of how to operate the wheelchair lifts standard on all University buses; and,

Whereas(6): Such unfamiliarity with said system generally results in an extended delay when a student using a wheelchair wishes to ride a bus; and,



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Whereas(7): Such unfamiliarity could potentially damage the reputation of Texas A&M as a friendly welcoming university; and,

Whereas(8): Transportation Services performs a supervisor ride-a-long on each driver on average once a semester to ensure the quality of its drivers.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): The students of Texas A&M University request that Transportation Services include a drill on operating the wheelchair lift when performing supervisor ride-a-longs; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (2): The students of Texas A&M University request that Transportation Services take other measures it deems appropriate to improve driver familiarity with wheelchair lift procedures; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (3): That within 7 days of its ratification, a copy of this legislation is forwarded to Peter Lange, Executive Director of Transportation Services.