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H.B. No. 4539

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prohibition of tolls on portions of State Highway
3 146 and State Highway 99.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter E, Chapter 228,
6 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER E. LIMITATION ON TOLL FACILITY DESIGNATION, TOLL
8 COLLECTION, AND [+] CONVERSION OF NONTOLLED STATE HIGHWAY

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 228, Transportation Code,
10 is amended by adding Section 228.202 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 228.202. TOLLS PROHIBITED ON PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAY
12 146 AND STATE HIGHWAY 99. The department may not charge a toll,
13 either directly or indirectly through an agreement with another
14 entity, on:

15 (1) the portion of State Highway 146 that crosses the
16 Houston Ship Channel; or

17 (2) the portion of State Highway 99 between its
18 intersection with State Highway 146 and its intersection with
19 Interstate 10.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.