

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2905
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, §391.098, Transportation Code allows the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to grant variances on a case-by-case basis to the eligibility, location, or placement of specific logo signs, major agricultural interest signs, and major shopping area guide signs. As of January 2003, TxDOT had processed over 900 such variances. As the statute is written, the variances must be personally signed by the executive director.

HB 2905 allows a designee of the executive director the authority to act on the executive director's behalf with relation to the granting of variances under §391.098. Such authority should increase the efficiency of the process.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

CSHB 2905 Defines "director" as the director or his designee for purposes of §391.098.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect on September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute contains no substantive changes from the original. The substitute contains language as prepared by the Texas Legislative Council.