

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 441  
By: Harris  
Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

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(b) Provides that a person commits an offense if, within the boundaries of an airport operated or controlled by a joint board for which the constituent agencies are populous home-rule municipalities, the person solicits or engages in ground transportation business without the permission of the joint board, if required.

(c) Provides that an offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 22B, Transportation Code, by adding Section 22.027, as follows:

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