

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1714
By: Wentworth
Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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(c) Requires TxDOT to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

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