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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to highway beautification

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

SECTION 1. Section 391.252(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A ~~[Subsequent to the effective date of this subchapter,]~~  
a person may not erect an off-premise sign that is adjacent to and visible from:

(1) U.S. Highway 290 between the western city limits of the city of Austin and the eastern city limits of the city of Fredericksburg;

(2) State Highway 317 between the northern city limits of the city of Belton to the southern city limits of the city of Valley Mills;

(3) State Highway 16 between the northern city limits of the city of Kerrville and Interstate Highway 20;

(4) U.S. Highway 77 between State Highway 186 and State Highway 44;

(5) U.S. Highway 281 between State Highway 186 and Interstate Highway 37;

(6) State Highway 17 between State Highway 118 and U.S. Highway 90;

(7) State Highway 67 between U.S. Highway 90 and Farm-to-Market Road 170;

1           (8) Farm-to-Market Road 170 between State Highway 67  
2 and State Highway 118;

3           (9) State Highway 118 between Farm-to-Market Road 170  
4 and State Highway 17;

5           (10) State Highway 105 between the western city limits  
6 of the city of Sour Lake to the eastern city limits of the city of  
7 Cleveland;

8           (11) State Highway 73 between the eastern city limits  
9 of the city of Winnie to the western city limits of the city of Port  
10 Arthur;

11           (12) State Highway 21 between the southern city limits  
12 of the city of College Station and U.S. Highway 290; [~~or~~]

13           (13) a highway located in:

14                   (A) the Sabine National Forest;

15                   (B) the Davy Crockett National Forest; or

16                   (C) the Sam Houston National Forest;

17           (14) State Highway 281 within the county of Bexar;

18           (15) State Highway 87 within the county of Bexar;

19           (16) State Highway 81 within the county of Bexar;

20           (17) State Highway 90 within the county of Bexar;

21           (18) State Highway 16 within the county of Bexar;

22           (19) Interstate Highway 35 within the county of Bexar;

23           (20) Interstate Highway 10 within the county of Bexar;

24 or

25           (21) US Highway 37 within the county of Bexar;

26           SECTION 2. Section 216.001, Local Government Code, is  
27 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1        (d) This subchapter does not allow the relocation or  
2 reconstruction of a billboard in violation of Section 398.002,  
3 Transportation Code.

4        SECTION 3. Section 216.901(a), Local Government Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6        (a) Subject to Chapter 398, Transportation Code, a [A]  
7 home-rule municipality may license, regulate, control, or prohibit  
8 the erection of signs or billboards by charter or ordinance.

9        SECTION 4. Section 391.001(10), Transportation Code, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11        (10) "Outdoor advertising" means an outdoor sign,  
12 display, light, device, figure, painting, drawing, message,  
13 plaque, poster, [~~billboard~~] or other thing designed, intended, or  
14 used to advertise or inform if any part of the advertising or  
15 information content is visible from the main-traveled way of the  
16 interstate or primary system. The term includes a sign, display,  
17 light, device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, or  
18 poster displayed on a billboard, as defined by Section 398.001. The  
19 term does not include a sign or marker giving information about the  
20 location of an underground electric transmission line, telegraph or  
21 telephone property or facility, pipeline, public.