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S.B. No. 602

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the development of bicycle tourism trails in this
3 state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 201.9025 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 201.9025. TEXAS BICYCLE TOURISM TRAILS. (a) If the
8 department establishes a bicycle advisory committee, the committee
9 shall advise and make recommendations to the commission on the
10 development of bicycle tourism trails in this state.
11 Recommendations on bicycle tourism trails developed under this
12 section:

13 (1) shall be made in consultation with the Parks and
14 Wildlife Commission and the Texas Economic Development and Tourism
15 Office;

16 (2) shall reflect the geography, scenery, history, and
17 cultural diversity of this state;

18 (3) shall maximize federal and private sources of
19 funding for the designation, construction, improvement,
20 maintenance, and signage of the trails and the promotion of bicycle
21 tourism; and

22 (4) may include multiuse trails to accommodate
23 equestrians, pedestrians, and other nonmotorized trail users when
24 practicable.

1 (b) The department may contract with a statewide bicycle
2 nonprofit organization for assistance in identifying, developing,
3 promoting, or coordinating agreements and participation among
4 political subdivisions of this state to advance bicycle tourism
5 trails.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.