

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 410
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, many Texas cities restrict or prohibit the construction of billboards. However, municipal restrictions do not apply in rural and unincorporated areas. Chapter 391.252(a) of the Transportation Code prohibits erecting off-premise signs that are adjacent to and visible from certain sections of highways. The purpose of this bill is to amend Chapter 391.252(a) to add parts of five additional highways to the current list.

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

SECTION 1. Amends Section 391.252(a), Transportation Code, to prohibit a person from erecting an off-premise sign that is adjacent to and visible from State Highway 105 between the boundary line between Grimes and Montgomery counties and the western city limits of the City of Conroe, Farm-to-Market Road 1488 between the eastern city limits of the City of Hempstead and Interstate Highway 45; U.S. Highway 90A between U.S. Highway 59 and State Highway 6 in the City of Sugar Land; Farm-to-Market Road 149 between the boundary line between Grimes and Montgomery Counties and the northern city limits of the City of Pinehurst; State Highway 25 between the southern city limits of the city of Electra and the western city limits of the city of Windthorst.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

CSHB 410 differs from the original in that it adds State Highway 25 between the southern city limits of the city of Electra and the western city limits of the city of Windthorst.