By: Murphy H.B. No. 2945

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to authorizing a method for certain municipalities to

3 compensate a person for the removal of an on-premise sign as

4 required by the municipality.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 216.010, Local Government Code, is

amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

- 8 (f) Except as prohibited by federal law, a municipality with
- 9 a population of more than 1.9 million may pay the compensable costs

10 to the owner of an on-premise sign by allowing the sign to remain in

11 place for a period sufficient to recover the compensable cost of the

12 sign as determined under Section 216.009, based on a determination

13 by the municipal board of the average annual gross revenue as

determined under Section 216.008 that would be generated by the

sign in its specific location if the sign were used as an

off-premise sign rather than an on-premise sign. During the period

in which a sign remains in place under this subsection, the owner of

the sign shall maintain the sign in compliance with all other

19 regulations applicable to the sign, including structural

20 <u>regulations.</u>

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21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.