

1-1 By: Murphy (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 2945  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2007;  
1-3 May 7, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 17, 2007, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2007, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to authorizing a method for certain municipalities to  
1-10 compensate a person for the removal of an on-premise sign as  
1-11 required by the municipality.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 216.010, Local Government Code, is  
1-14 amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

1-15 (f) Except as prohibited by federal law, a municipality with  
1-16 a population of more than 1.9 million may pay the compensable costs  
1-17 to the owner of an on-premise sign by allowing the sign to remain in  
1-18 place for a period sufficient to recover the compensable cost of the  
1-19 sign as determined under Section 216.009, based on a determination  
1-20 by the municipal board of the average annual gross revenue as  
1-21 determined under Section 216.008 that would be generated by the  
1-22 sign in its specific location if the sign were used as an  
1-23 off-premise sign rather than an on-premise sign. During the period  
1-24 in which a sign remains in place under this subsection, the owner of  
1-25 the sign shall maintain the sign in compliance with all other  
1-26 regulations applicable to the sign, including structural  
1-27 regulations.

1-28 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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