

Amend CSHB 300 (house committee printing) as follows: by adding the following appropriately numbered sections and renumbering existing sections accordingly:

SECTION ____ Section 228.004, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 228.004. [~~PROMOTION OF~~] TOLL PROJECT INFORMATION. (a) The department may, notwithstanding Chapter 2113, Government Code, engage in [~~marketing,~~] advertising[,] and other activities to provide information relating to the status of pending or ongoing[~~promote the development and use of~~] toll projects and may enter into contracts or agreements necessary to procure [~~marketing,~~] advertising[,] or informational [~~other promotional~~] services from outside service providers.

(b) This section does not authorize the department to engage in advertising or other activities for the purpose of influencing public opinion about the use of toll roads or the use of tolls as a financial mechanism.

SECTION ____ The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract or agreement entered into or renewed under Section 228.004, Transportation Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract or agreement entered into or renewed under that section before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION ____ This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.