

Amend CSHB 300 as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 10.01 of the bill (page 158, line 11), strike "Section 544.013" and substitute "Sections 544.013 and 544.014".

(2) In SECTION 10.01 of the bill (page 158, between lines 21 and 22), insert the following:

Sec. 544.014. EMERGENCY INFORMATION NETWORK. (a) In this section:

(1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Transportation.

(2) "Digital display sign" means an electronic display sign that complies with applicable federal law and is capable of displaying dynamic messages.

(3) "Emergency information network" means a system of digital display signs capable of broadcasting dynamic messages that are controlled remotely from a centralized location.

(b) The department shall implement an emergency information network using digital display signs erected under Section 391.272 and at no cost to the state, along designated evacuation routes and highways in major metropolitan areas located within 50 miles of a designated evacuation route. A digital display sign that is part of an emergency information network may display:

(1) messages for which a statewide alert system authorized by Subchapter L, Chapter 411, Government Code, or a silver alert authorized by Subchapter M, Chapter 411, Government Code, has been activated;

(2) public service messages to the traveling public during an evacuation ordered or following declaration of a disaster pursuant to Chapter 418, Government Code, including information regarding the availability of gas, food, lodging, or pharmacy services; and

(3) messages regarding severe weather.

(c) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 10 of the bill, and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION 10.\_\_\_\_. Chapter 391, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. DIGITAL DISPLAY SIGNS

Sec. 391.271. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "digital display sign" means an electronic display sign that complies with applicable federal law and is capable of displaying dynamic messages.

Sec. 391.272. DIGITAL DISPLAY SIGNS. (a) To the extent allowed by federal law, a person may erect a digital display sign located along a route or highway described by Section 544.014(b) for a commercial advertising purpose if the sign has the capacity to timely display, in place of advertising, information required by Section 544.014.

(b) When a digital display sign is not being used to display messages described by Section 544.014, the department shall allow the owner of the digital display sign to display commercial digital messages and charge and retain the prevailing market rate to display those messages.

(c) Each year, from the net revenue collected by the owner pursuant to Subsection (b), the owner shall pay for each digital display maintained by the owner:

(1) \$5,000 to the comptroller for deposit in the general revenue fund; and

(2) if the digital display is located within the boundaries of a municipality, \$5,000 to the municipality.

(d) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

(e) This section prevails to the extent another provision of this chapter or an ordinance adopted under Chapter 216, Local Government Code, conflicts with this section.