

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail is a part of the United States National Historic Trail system. El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, Spanish for the royal road of the interior land, was a 1,600 mile long trade route between Mexico City and Sante Fe, New Mexico, from 1598 to 1882. The 404-mile section of the route within the United States was proclaimed as a National Historic Trail on October 13, 2000. The trail is overseen by both the National Park Service and the United States Bureau of Land Management.

From the Texas-New Mexico border to San Juan Pueblo north of Espanola, a drivable route, mostly part of former U.S. Route 85, has been designated as a National Scenic Byway called El Camino Real.

Portions of the trade route corridor also contain pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian trails. These include the existing Paseo del Bosque Trail in Albuquerque and portions of the proposed Rio Grande Trail. Its northern terminus, Sante Fe, is a terminus also of the Old Spanish Trail and the Sante Fe Trail.

As proposed, S.B. 952 amends current law relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads that follow the route of El Camino de Tierra Adentro.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION 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 the following highway segments that are part of the route of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro: Farm-to-Market Road 258 between Farm-to-Market Road 1110 and Loop 375; Loop 375 between Farm-to-Market Road 258 and U.S. Highway 54; U.S. Highway 54 between Loop 375 and U.S. Highway 62; U.S. Highway 62 between U.S. Highway 54 and State Highway 273; and State Highway 20 between State Highway 260 and the border of this state and the state of New Mexico.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.