

By: Edwards

H.B. No. 445

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to installing sound barriers and beautification along
3 certain parts of State Highway 288 in Houston.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 201.6105 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 201.6105. SOUND BARRIER ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS. (a) As
8 soon as practicable, the department shall erect sound barrier walls
9 with beautification elements along the east side of State Highway
10 288 in Houston, from the intersection of State Highway 288 and South
11 MacGregor Way to the intersection of State Highway 288 and West Orem
12 Drive.

13 (b) The sound barriers shall be designed to reduce highway
14 noise for residences located in the vicinity of State Highway 288.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.