

1-1 By: McClendon, Menendez (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.B. No. 2142
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2009;
1-3 May 19, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 22, 2009, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2009, sent
1-6 to printer.)

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

1-9 relating to the promotion of toll projects by the Texas Department
1-10 of Transportation.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 228.004, Transportation Code, is amended
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 228.004. [~~PROMOTION OF~~] TOLL PROJECT INFORMATION. (a)
1-15 The department may, notwithstanding Chapter 2113, Government Code,
1-16 engage in marketing, advertising, and other activities to provide
1-17 information relating to the status of pending or ongoing [~~promote~~
1-18 ~~the development and use of~~] toll projects and may enter into
1-19 contracts or agreements necessary to procure marketing,
1-20 advertising, or informational [~~other promotional~~] services from
1-21 outside service providers.

1-22 (b) This section does not authorize the department to engage
1-23 in marketing, advertising, or other activities for the purpose of
1-24 influencing public opinion about the use of toll roads or the use of
1-25 tolls as a financial mechanism.

1-26 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-27 to a contract or agreement entered into or renewed under Section
1-28 228.004, Transportation Code, on or after the effective date of
1-29 this Act. A contract or agreement entered into or renewed under
1-30 that section before the effective date of this Act is governed by
1-31 the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is
1-32 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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