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H.B. No. 3616

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the authority of certain counties to prohibit
3 off-premise signs along certain roads.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 391.252, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) A person may not erect an off-premise sign that is
9 adjacent to and visible from:

10 (1) U.S. Highway 290 between the western city limits
11 of the city of Austin and the eastern city limits of the city of
12 Fredericksburg;

13 (2) State Highway 317 between the northern city limits
14 of the city of Belton to the southern city limits of the city of
15 Valley Mills;

16 (3) State Highway 16 between the northern city limits
17 of the city of Kerrville and Interstate Highway 20;

18 (4) U.S. Highway 77 between State Highway 186 and
19 State Highway 44;

20 (5) U.S. Highway 281 between:

21 (A) State Highway 186 and Interstate Highway 37,
22 exclusive of the segment of U.S. Highway 281 located in the city
23 limits of Three Rivers; and

24 (B) the southern boundary line of Comal County

- 1 and State Highway 306;
- 2 (6) State Highway 17 between State Highway 118 and
3 U.S. Highway 90;
- 4 (7) State Highway 67 between U.S. Highway 90 and
5 Farm-to-Market Road 170;
- 6 (8) Farm-to-Market Road 170 between State Highway 67
7 and State Highway 118;
- 8 (9) State Highway 118 between Farm-to-Market Road 170
9 and State Highway 17;
- 10 (10) State Highway 105 between the western city limits
11 of the city of Sour Lake to the eastern city limits of the city of
12 Cleveland;
- 13 (11) State Highway 73 between the eastern city limits
14 of the city of Winnie to the western city limits of the city of Port
15 Arthur;
- 16 (12) State Highway 21 between the southern city limits
17 of the city of College Station and U.S. Highway 290;
- 18 (13) a highway located in:
- 19 (A) the Sabine National Forest;
- 20 (B) the Davy Crockett National Forest; or
- 21 (C) the Sam Houston National Forest;
- 22 (14) Segments 1 through 4 of State Highway 130;
- 23 (15) a highway in Bandera County that is part of the
24 state highway system;
- 25 (16) Farm-to-Market Road 3238 beginning at State
26 Highway 71 and any extension of that road through Hays and Blanco
27 Counties;

1 (17) Farm-to-Market Road 2978 between Farm-to-Market
2 Road 1488 and the boundary line between Harris and Montgomery
3 Counties;

4 (18) U.S. Highway 90 between the western city limits
5 of the city of San Antonio and the eastern city limits of the city of
6 Hondo; [~~or~~]

7 (19) the following highways in Austin County:

8 (A) State Highway 159;

9 (B) Farm-to-Market Road 331;

10 (C) Farm-to-Market Road 529;

11 (D) Farm-to-Market Road 1094; and

12 (E) Farm-to-Market Road 2502; or

13 (20) after the date of written notice of the order to
14 the department, a public road or portion of a public road located in
15 a county under Subsection (e) and outside the corporate limits of a
16 municipality, if designated by order of the commissioners court of
17 the county in which the road or portion of the road is located.

18 (d) A commissioners court may adopt an order under
19 Subsection (a)(20) only after conducting a public hearing on the
20 proposed order.

21 (e) Subsection (a)(20) applies only in a county that:

22 (1) has a population of 800,000 or more; and

23 (2) has more than 60 percent of the county's territory
24 in unincorporated areas.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.