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S.B. No. 384

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the promotion of toll projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

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

Sec. 228.004. [~~PROMOTION OF~~] TOLL PROJECT INFORMATION.

(a) The department may, notwithstanding Chapter 2113, Government Code, engage in marketing, advertising, and other activities to provide information relating to the status of pending or ongoing [~~promote the development and use of~~] toll projects and may enter into contracts or agreements necessary to procure marketing, advertising, or informational [~~other promotional~~] services from outside service providers.

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

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract or agreement entered into or renewed under Section 228.004, Transportation Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract or agreement entered into or renewed under that section before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is

1 continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.