

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 384
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1-4 Homeland Security; March 20, 2009, reported favorably by the
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the promotion of toll projects by the Texas Department
1-9 of Transportation.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 228.004, Transportation Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 228.004. [~~PROMOTION OF~~] TOLL PROJECT INFORMATION.

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

1-21 (b) This section does not authorize the department to engage
1-22 in marketing, advertising, or other activities for the purpose of
1-23 influencing public opinion about the use of toll roads or the use of
1-24 tolls as a financial mechanism.

1-25 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-26 to a contract or agreement entered into or renewed under Section
1-27 228.004, Transportation Code, on or after the effective date of
1-28 this Act. A contract or agreement entered into or renewed under
1-29 that section before the effective date of this Act is governed by
1-30 the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is
1-31 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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