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H.B. No. 2973

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to penalties for displaying vehicles for sale in certain public areas.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 503, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 503. PROVISIONS FOR [DEALER'S AND MANUFACTURER'S] VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS [LICENSE PLATES]

SECTION 2. Section 503.027, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A dealer who holds a general distinguishing number for a location may not consign vehicles for sale in an area adjacent to the location that is on a public roadway, easement, right-of-way, or driveway, unless the governing body of the entity that owns the roadway, easement, right-of-way, or driveway consents in writing to the consignment. A consignment on a public roadway, easement, right-of-way, or driveway that is part of the state highway system must be authorized by a lease agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3. Section 503.095, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The board by rule shall adopt a standardized penalty schedule for a violation of Section 503.027(c) that assesses a penalty within the range described by Subsection (a) based on a

1 determination of the severity and frequency of the violation.

2 SECTION 4. The board of the Texas Department of Motor
3 Vehicles shall adopt rules to implement Section 503.095(c),
4 Transportation Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable
5 after the effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.