

1-1 By: Paxton S.B. No. 1017
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2013; March 12, 2013, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
1-4 April 8, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 8, 2013,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Nichols</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-10	<u>Paxton</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-11	<u>Campbell</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-12	<u>Davis</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-13	<u>Ellis</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-14	<u>Hancock</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-15	<u>Patrick</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-16	<u>Uresti</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-17	<u>Watson</u>	<u>X</u>		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1017 By: Paxton

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the funding for and administration of travel and
1-22 information operations by the Texas Department of Transportation.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 204.003, Transportation Code, is amended
1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 204.003. TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTERS. (a) The
1-27 department shall maintain and operate travel information centers
1-28 [~~at the principal gateways to this state~~] to provide highway
1-29 information, travel guidance, and descriptive material designed to
1-30 assist the traveling public and stimulate travel to and within this
1-31 state.

1-32 (b) The department may:

1-33 (1) enter into an agreement with a local government,
1-34 including a commission created under Chapter 391, Local Government
1-35 Code, for the operation of a travel information center that is
1-36 located within the boundaries of the local government; and

1-37 (2) issue a request for proposals to private or
1-38 nonprofit entities for the operation of a travel information
1-39 center.

1-40 (c) The department may sell commercial advertising space at
1-41 a travel information center if the advertising is not visible from
1-42 the main traveled way of the highway. If the department sells
1-43 commercial advertising space, the department shall set rates for
1-44 the advertising and other services available at a travel
1-45 information center at a level that generates receipts approximately
1-46 sufficient to cover the cost of its travel and information
1-47 operations.

1-48 (d) The department may not engage in an activity authorized
1-49 under Subsection (c) or another provision of this chapter that
1-50 would decrease the amount of federal highway funding available to
1-51 the department.

1-52 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 204.009, Transportation
1-53 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-54 Sec. 204.009. SALE OF PROMOTIONAL ITEMS, ADVERTISING, AND
1-55 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

1-56 SECTION 3. Section 204.009, Transportation Code, is amended
1-57 by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as
1-58 follows:

1-59 (a-1) The department may enter into an agreement for the
1-60 acknowledgment of donations if the acknowledgment does not contain

2-1 comparative or qualitative descriptions of the donor's products,
2-2 services, facilities, or companies.

2-3 (b) All proceeds from the sale of the items and advertising
2-4 under this chapter and all donations acknowledged under this
2-5 section shall be deposited to the credit of a separate account in
2-6 the state highway fund. Money in the account is dedicated for the
2-7 department's use in its travel and information operations.

2-8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-12 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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