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S.B. No. 1253

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the relationship between Texas Department of  
Transportation toll projects and adjoining nontolled roads.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 228, Transportation Code,  
is amended by adding Section 228.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 228.014. PROHIBITION ON DISINCENTIVES FOR ADJOINING  
NONTOLLED ROAD USE. (a) The department may not take any action in  
designing, constructing, or operating a toll project under this  
chapter that incentivizes the use of the project and discourages  
the use of adjoining nontolled roads by violating sound engineering  
judgment in applying traffic controls on any adjoining nontolled  
roads, including by timing traffic signals to unnecessarily disrupt  
traffic flow on the adjoining nontolled roads.

(b) If existing nontolled lanes are reconstructed and  
operated as an adjacent road to a toll facility under Section  
228.201(a)(5), the reconstructed nontolled lanes must have access,  
function, and traffic control devices similar to those the lanes  
had before being reconstructed.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.