

AN ACT

relating to the use of fireworks at certain Texas Department of Transportation rest areas; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter F, Chapter 203, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. USE [~~LEASE~~] OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 203, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 203.112 to read as follows:

Sec. 203.112. PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF FIREWORKS AT REST AREA. (a) In this section, "rest area" means public real property designated as a rest area, comfort station, picnic area, roadside park, or scenic overlook by the department.

(b) The commission by order shall prohibit or restrict the use of fireworks at a state highway rest area in the unincorporated area of a county if:

(1) the commissioners court of the county petitions the commission to adopt the order; and

(2) the county pays the department for the costs of designing, constructing, and erecting signs at the rest area giving notice of the order.

(c) After an order is adopted under Subsection (b), the department shall erect signs at the rest area giving notice of the order. If a sign is damaged or destroyed, the department shall

1 replace the sign if the county:

2 (1) submits to the department a written request for
3 replacement; and

4 (2) pays the department for the costs of constructing
5 and replacing the sign.

6 (d) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates a
7 prohibition or restriction established by an order adopted under
8 this section commits an offense. An offense under this subsection
9 is a Class C misdemeanor.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 570 passed the Senate on March 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 570 passed the House on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 8, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor