

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 570  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 13, 2015; February 18, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
 1-4 March 23, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2; March 23, 2015,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10		X		
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 570 By: Huffines

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

1-21 relating to the use of fireworks at certain Texas Department of  
 1-22 Transportation rest areas; creating a criminal offense.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter F, Chapter 203,  
 1-25 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER F. USE [LEASE] OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

1-27 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 203, Transportation Code,  
 1-28 is amended by adding Section 203.112 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 203.112. PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF FIREWORKS AT  
 1-30 REST AREA. (a) In this section, "rest area" means public real  
 1-31 property designated as a rest area, comfort station, picnic area,  
 1-32 roadside park, or scenic overlook by the department.

1-33 (b) The commission by order shall prohibit or restrict the  
 1-34 use of fireworks at a state highway rest area in the unincorporated  
 1-35 area of a county if:

1-36 (1) the commissioners court of the county petitions  
 1-37 the commission to adopt the order; and

1-38 (2) the county pays the department for the costs of  
 1-39 designing, constructing, and erecting signs at the rest area giving  
 1-40 notice of the order.

1-41 (c) After an order is adopted under Subsection (b), the  
 1-42 department shall erect signs at the rest area giving notice of the  
 1-43 order. If a sign is damaged or destroyed, the department shall  
 1-44 replace the sign if the county:

1-45 (1) submits to the department a written request for  
 1-46 replacement; and

1-47 (2) pays the department for the costs of constructing  
 1-48 and replacing the sign.

1-49 (d) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates a  
 1-50 prohibition or restriction established by an order adopted under  
 1-51 this section commits an offense. An offense under this subsection  
 1-52 is a Class C misdemeanor.

1-53 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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