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H.B. No. 3551

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the conduct of a live sound study after the completion of certain transportation projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.6105 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.6105. LIVE SOUND STUDY. Not later than one year after the department completes a transportation project that includes a sound barrier, the department shall conduct a live sound study to assess the implementation and effectiveness of the sound barrier. If the results of the study show that sound mitigation does not meet projected and modeled forecasts, the department shall modify the existing sound barrier or construct a new sound barrier to meet the forecasts.

SECTION 2. Chapter 372, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. TOLL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Sec. 372.151. LIVE SOUND STUDY. Not later than one year after a toll project entity completes a toll project that includes a sound barrier, the toll project entity shall conduct a live sound study to assess the implementation and effectiveness of the sound barrier. If the results of the study show that sound mitigation does not meet projected and modeled forecasts, the toll project entity shall modify the existing sound barrier or construct a new

1 sound barrier to meet the forecasts.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.