

Amend HB 1770 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 201.905(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A program under this section may also include literature distributed to the public by the department concerning:

- (1) the program established under this section; and
- (2) highway safety corridors designated under Section 201.9051.

SECTION _____. Subchapter K, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.9051 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.9051. HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDOR. (a) The department may designate as a highway safety corridor a portion of a roadway containing:

- (1) a site described by Section 201.905; or
- (2) any other site with a high number of traffic fatalities, as identified by the department.

(b) The department shall erect a sign at each end of the highway safety corridor and at appropriate intermediate sites along the corridor:

- (1) indicating that it is a highway safety corridor;
- and
- (2) stating "Fines double: highway safety corridor."

(c) The department may include on the same sign the information required for:

- (1) a highway safety corridor under this section; and
- (2) a traffic safety sign under Section 201.905(a).

(d) The commission by rule shall establish a process to identify sites with high numbers of traffic fatalities.

SECTION _____. Subchapter D, Chapter 542, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 542.4046 to read as follows:

Sec. 542.4046. FINE FOR OFFENSE IN HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDOR.

(a) In this section, "highway safety corridor" means a portion of a roadway designated by the department in accordance with Section 201.9051.

(b) If an offense under this subtitle, other than an offense

under Chapter 548 or 552 or Section 545.412 or 545.413, is committed in a highway safety corridor:

(1) the minimum fine applicable to the offense is twice the minimum fine that would be applicable to the offense if it were committed outside a highway safety corridor; and

(2) the maximum fine applicable to the offense is twice the maximum fine that would be applicable to the offense if it were committed outside a highway safety corridor.

SECTION _____. Section 542.4046, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.