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H.B. No. 3741

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation by the Texas Department of Transportation of right-of-way landscaping.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 202, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 202.062 to read as follows:

Sec. 202.062. VEGETATION IN RIGHT-OF-WAY. (a) The department shall institute a program for landowners with property adjacent to the state highway system allowing the planting or replacement of existing vegetation in the right-of-way that affects their property.

(b) a landowner who installs right-of-way vegetation must only use plants that are native, regionally appropriate, and pollinator-friendly.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.