

1-1 By: Curry, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Miles) H.B. No. 3611  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;  
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation; May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the civil penalty for certain signs placed on the  
1-20 right-of-way of a public road.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 393.001, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 393.001. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this chapter:

1-25 (1) "Person" includes a person's employee, agent,  
1-26 independent contractor, assignee, business alter ego, and  
1-27 successor in interest.

1-28 (2) "Sign" [~~,"sign"~~] means an outdoor sign, display,  
1-29 light, device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, poster,  
1-30 or other thing designed, intended, or used to advertise or inform.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 393.007, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-32 by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (a-1) to  
1-33 read as follows:

1-34 (a) A person who places or commissions the placement of or  
1-35 whose commercial advertisement is placed on a sign on the  
1-36 right-of-way of a public road that is not otherwise authorized by  
1-37 law may be liable for a civil penalty, provided that, for a person's  
1-38 first violation:

1-39 (1) the applicable political subdivision provides  
1-40 written notice to the person that the person may be liable for a  
1-41 civil penalty if the person fails to remove the sign within a  
1-42 specified period; and

1-43 (2) the person fails to remove the sign within the  
1-44 specified period.

1-45 (a-1) A district or county attorney or a municipal attorney  
1-46 in the jurisdiction in which the placement of a sign on the  
1-47 right-of-way of a public road is alleged to have occurred may sue to  
1-48 collect the penalty.

1-49 (b) The amount of the civil penalty may not exceed:

1-50 (1) [~~is not less than \$500 or more than~~] \$1,000 for a  
1-51 first [~~each~~] violation;

1-52 (2) \$2,500 for a second violation; and

1-53 (3) \$5,000 for a third or subsequent violation[  
1-54 ~~depending on the seriousness of the violation and whether the~~  
1-55 ~~person has previously violated this chapter. A separate penalty~~  
1-56 ~~may be collected for each day a continuing violation occurs].~~

1-57 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-58 to a violation that occurs on or after the effective date of this  
1-59 Act. A violation that occurs before the effective date of this Act  
1-60 is governed by the law in effect on the date the violation occurred,  
1-61 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For

2-1 purposes of this section, a violation occurs before the effective  
2-2 date of this Act if any element of the violation occurs before that  
2-3 date.

2-4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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