

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

One effect of the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is a rise of truck volume on NAFTA-related roadways. The interaction of these large vehicles with other traffic and on certain roadways has resulted in the need to examine various countermeasures including the designation of truck lanes. This bill authorizes a municipality to restrict to designated lanes on the highway use of a part of a highway in the municipality by class of vehicle.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 773 authorizes a municipality to restrict to designated lanes on the highway use of a part of a highway in the municipality by class of vehicle.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is granted to a municipality in SECTION 1 (Sec. 545.0651(b), Transportation Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 545B, Transportation Code, by adding Section 545.0651, as follows:

Sec. 545.0651. MUNICIPAL RESTRICTION ON USE OF HIGHWAY. Provides that this section applies only to a part of highway that is in the designated state highway system. Authorizes a municipality by ordinance to restrict to designated lanes on the highway the use of a part of highway in the municipality by class of vehicle. Requires the municipality to submit to the Texas Department of Transportation a description of the proposed restriction before adopting an ordinance under this section. Prohibits the municipality from enforcing the restriction unless certain conditions are fulfilled. Authorizes the executive director or the executive director's designee to suspend or rescind approval under this section certain reasons. Requires the Department of Public Safety to erect and maintain official traffic-control devices necessary to implement and enforce an ordinance adopted and approved under this section.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage