

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, many Texas cities restrict or prohibit the construction of billboards. However, municipal restrictions do not apply in rural and unincorporated areas. Section 391.252 (a) of the Transportation Code prohibits erecting off-premise signs that are adjacent to and visible from certain sections of highways. The purpose of this bill is to amend Section 391.252 (a) to add parts of five additional highways to the current list.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 391.252(a), Transportation Code, to prohibit a person from erecting an off-premise sign that is adjacent to and visible from State Highway 105 between the boundary line between Grimes and Montgomery counties and the western city limits of the City of Conroe, Farm-to-Market Road 1488 between the eastern city limits of the City of Hempstead and Interstate Highway 45, U.S. Highway 90A between U.S. Highway 59 and State Highway 6 in the City of Sugar Land, Farm-to-Market Road 149 between the boundary line between Grimes and Montgomery Counties and the northern city limits of the City of Pinehurst, or Farm-to-Market Road 2978 between Farm-to-Market Road 1488 and the boundary line between Harris and Montgomery Counties. Deletes existing text relating to the effective date of the subchapter.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005