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H.B. No. 3588

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the construction, acquisition, financing, maintenance,
3 management, operation, ownership, and control of transportation
4 facilities and the progress, improvement, policing, and safety of
5 transportation in the state.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 201.601, Transportation Code, is amended
8 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
9 follows:

10 (a) The department shall develop a statewide transportation
11 plan to expand and improve transportation facilities and operation
12 in this state. The plan must include [that contains] all modes of
13 transportation, including:

- 14 (1) highways and turnpikes;
15 (2) aviation;
16 (3) mass transportation;
17 (4) railroads and high-speed railroads; and
18 (5) water traffic.

19 (c) The transportation plan must provide for the provision
20 and maintenance of transportation facilities and the operation of
21 the state transportation system by the state, local governments,
22 regional mobility authorities, and other local authorities. The
23 plan may provide for appropriate financing methods, including bonds
24 and other forms of borrowing. The department and other entities

1 involved in the state transportation plan shall take necessary
2 action and cooperate to implement the plan.

3 SECTION 2. Section 221.001(1), Transportation Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) "Highway" includes a free or toll public road or
6 part of a public road and a bridge, culvert, or other necessary
7 structure related to a public road, including a rail line,
8 pipeline, communication line, or utility line installed in
9 conjunction with a public road.

10 SECTION 3. Section 361.003(a), Transportation Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) The commission by order may authorize the creation of a
13 regional mobility authority for the purposes of constructing,
14 maintaining, and operating a turnpike project in a region of this
15 state. The order may provide for the methods by which an authority
16 may raise revenue and acquire property and other appropriate powers
17 and duties of the authority.

18 SECTION 4. Section 455.004, Transportation Code, is amended
19 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

20 (f) A provider of public transportation, in conducting its
21 operations, shall consider the advice and recommendations of the
22 public transportation advisory committee.

23 SECTION 5. Subchapter R, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
24 is amended by adding Section 521.427 to read as follows:

25 Sec. 521.427. DISPOSITION OF FEES. Notwithstanding any
26 other law, a fee collected in connection with the issuance,
27 renewal, or reinstatement of a driver's license, commercial

1 driver's license, or personal identification certificate may be
2 used only for a purpose for which revenues are dedicated under
3 Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas Constitution.

4 SECTION 6. Chapter 750, Transportation Code, is amended by
5 adding Section 750.004 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 750.004. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE. An
7 entity enforcing or administering this title shall to the extent
8 possible use methods that best provide for efficient operation of
9 the state transportation system and the safety of persons using
10 that system.

11 SECTION 7. Section 3(a), Chapter 1244, Acts of the 77th
12 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001 (Article 6550c-2, Vernon's
13 Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

14 (a) The commission may authorize the department to
15 construct or acquire rail facilities at locations and on routes the
16 commission determines to be feasible and viable for continued rail
17 transportation service in this state.

18 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.