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H. B. No. 2142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the promotion of toll projects by the Texas Department
3 of Transportation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 228.004, Transportation Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 228.004. [PROMOTION OF] TOLL PROJECT INFORMATION. (a)
8 The department may, notwithstanding Chapter 2113, Government Code,
9 engage in marketing, advertising, and other activities to provide
10 information relating to the status of pending or ongoing [promote]
11 ~~the development and use of~~] toll projects and may enter into
12 contracts or agreements necessary to procure marketing,
13 advertising, or informational [~~other promotional~~] services from
14 outside service providers.

15 (b) This section does not authorize the department to engage
16 in marketing, advertising, or other activities for the purpose of
17 influencing public opinion about the use of toll roads or the use of
18 tolls as a financial mechanism.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
20 to a contract or agreement entered into or renewed under Section
21 228.004, Transportation Code, on or after the effective date of
22 this Act. A contract or agreement entered into or renewed under
23 that section before the effective date of this Act is governed by
24 the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is

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1 continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.