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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2006 By: Hall

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to erecting or maintaining certain outdoor signs regulated  
 1-22 by the Texas Department of Transportation.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 201.931(2), Transportation Code, is  
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (2) "License" means a license or permit for a  
 1-27 commercial sign [outdoor advertising] issued under Chapter 391 or  
 1-28 for an off-premise sign issued under Chapter 394.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 391.001, Transportation Code, is amended  
 1-30 by adding Subdivisions (1-a) and (11-a) to read as follows:

1-31 (1-a) "Commercial sign" means a sign that is intended to  
 1-32 be leased, or for which payment of any type is intended to be or is  
 1-33 received, for the display of any good, service, brand, slogan,  
 1-34 message, product, or company.

1-35 (11-a) "Sign" means any structure, display, light,  
 1-36 device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, placard,  
 1-37 poster, billboard, logo, or symbol that is designed, intended, or  
 1-38 used to advertise or inform.

1-39 SECTION 3. Section 391.002(b), Transportation Code, is  
 1-40 amended to read as follows:

1-41 (b) The legislature declares that it is necessary to  
 1-42 regulate the erection and maintenance of commercial signs [outdoor  
 1-43 advertising] and the establishment, operation, and maintenance of  
 1-44 junkyards in areas adjacent to the interstate and primary systems  
 1-45 to:

1-46 (1) promote the health, safety, welfare, morals,  
 1-47 convenience, and enjoyment of the traveling public; and

1-48 (2) protect the public investment in the interstate  
 1-49 and primary systems.

1-50 SECTION 4. Section 391.006(a), Transportation Code, is  
 1-51 amended to read as follows:

1-52 (a) The commission by rule shall establish procedures for  
 1-53 accepting and resolving written complaints related to signs that  
 1-54 are subject to [outdoor advertising under] this chapter. The rules  
 1-55 must include:

1-56 (1) a process to make information available describing  
 1-57 the department's procedures for complaint investigation and  
 1-58 resolution, including making information about the procedures  
 1-59 available on the department's Internet website;

1-60 (2) a system to prioritize complaints so that the most

2-1 serious complaints receive attention before less serious  
2-2 complaints; and

2-3 (3) a procedure for compiling and reporting detailed  
2-4 annual statistics about complaints.

2-5 SECTION 5. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 391,  
2-6 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-7 SUBCHAPTER B. REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL SIGNS [~~OUTDOOR ADVERTISING~~]  
2-8 GENERALLY

2-9 SECTION 6. The heading to Section 391.031, Transportation  
2-10 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-11 Sec. 391.031. UNLAWFUL COMMERCIAL SIGNS [~~OUTDOOR~~  
2-12 ~~ADVERTISING~~]; OFFENSE.

2-13 SECTION 7. Section 391.031, Transportation Code, is amended  
2-14 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
2-15 follows:

2-16 (a) A person commits an offense if the person erects or  
2-17 maintains a commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~], or allows a  
2-18 commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] to be erected or maintained  
2-19 on property owned by the person:

2-20 (1) within 660 feet of the nearest edge of a  
2-21 right-of-way if the sign [~~advertising~~] is visible from the  
2-22 main-traveled way of the interstate or primary system; or

2-23 (2) outside an urban area if the sign [~~advertising~~] is  
2-24 located more than 660 feet from the nearest edge of a right-of-way,  
2-25 is visible from the main-traveled way of the interstate or primary  
2-26 system, and is erected for the purpose of having the sign [~~its~~  
2-27 ~~message~~] seen from the main-traveled way of the interstate or  
2-28 primary system.

2-29 (b-1) A person does not commit an offense under this section  
2-30 if the person:

2-31 (1) erects or maintains a commercial sign located  
2-32 within 660 feet of the nearest edge of a right-of-way in an area in  
2-33 which the land use:

2-34 (A) is designated industrial or commercial under  
2-35 authority of law; or

2-36 (B) is not designated industrial or commercial  
2-37 under authority of law, but the land use is consistent with an area  
2-38 designated industrial or commercial; and

2-39 (2) holds a permit issued by the department for the  
2-40 sign.

2-41 SECTION 8. Section 391.032, Transportation Code, is amended  
2-42 to read as follows:

2-43 Sec. 391.032. REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL SIGNS [~~OUTDOOR~~  
2-44 ~~ADVERTISING~~] IN INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL AREA. (a) The commission  
2-45 by rule may regulate the orderly and effective display of  
2-46 commercial signs [~~outdoor advertising~~] consistent with the  
2-47 customary use of commercial signs [~~outdoor advertising~~] in this  
2-48 state in an area in which the land use:

2-49 (1) is designated industrial or commercial under  
2-50 authority of law; and

2-51 (2) is not so designated but in which the land use is  
2-52 consistent with areas designated industrial or commercial in the  
2-53 manner provided by Section 391.031(c).

2-54 (b) The commission may agree with the secretary of the  
2-55 United States Department of Transportation to regulate the orderly  
2-56 and effective display of commercial signs [~~outdoor advertising~~] in  
2-57 an area described by Subsection (a).

2-58 SECTION 9. Section 391.033, Transportation Code, is amended  
2-59 to read as follows:

2-60 Sec. 391.033. ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL SIGNS [~~OUTDOOR~~  
2-61 ~~ADVERTISING~~] BY COMMISSION. (a) The commission may purchase or  
2-62 acquire by eminent domain a commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~]  
2-63 that is lawfully in existence on a highway in the interstate or  
2-64 primary system.

2-65 (b) If an acquisition is by eminent domain, the commission  
2-66 shall pay just compensation to:

2-67 (1) the owner for the right, title, leasehold, and  
2-68 interest in the commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~]; and

2-69 (2) the owner or, if appropriate, the lessee of the

3-1 real property on which the commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] is  
3-2 located for the right to erect and maintain the sign [~~outdoor~~  
3-3 ~~advertising~~].

3-4 SECTION 10. Section 391.034, Transportation Code, is  
3-5 amended to read as follows:

3-6 Sec. 391.034. NUISANCE [~~OUTDOOR ADVERTISING~~]; INJUNCTION.  
3-7 (a) A commercial sign [~~Outdoor advertising~~] that is erected or  
3-8 maintained in violation of this chapter:

3-9 (1) endangers the health, safety, welfare, morals,  
3-10 [~~convenience,~~] and enjoyment of the traveling public and the  
3-11 protection of the public investment in the interstate and primary  
3-12 highway systems; and

3-13 (2) is a public nuisance.

3-14 (b) On written notice by certified mail from the department,  
3-15 an owner of a commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] that is a public  
3-16 nuisance under Subsection (a) shall remove the sign [~~advertising~~].  
3-17 If the owner does not remove the sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] within  
3-18 45 days of the date of the notice, the department may direct the  
3-19 attorney general to apply for an injunction to:

3-20 (1) prohibit the owner from maintaining the sign  
3-21 [~~advertising~~]; and

3-22 (2) require the removal of the sign [~~advertising~~].

3-23 (c) The state is entitled to recover from the owner of a  
3-24 commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] removed under an action  
3-25 brought under Subsection (b) all administrative and legal costs and  
3-26 expenses incurred to remove the sign [~~advertising~~], including court  
3-27 costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

3-28 SECTION 11. Section 391.036, Transportation Code, is  
3-29 amended to read as follows:

3-30 Sec. 391.036. SCOPE OF COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITY. The  
3-31 commission's responsibility for the regulation of commercial signs  
3-32 [~~outdoor advertising~~] is only on highways on the interstate and  
3-33 primary systems, including interstate highways, state highways,  
3-34 and farm-to-market roads [a federal-aid primary highway,  
3-35 interstate highway, state highway, or farm-to-market road].

3-36 SECTION 12. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 391,  
3-37 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

3-38 SUBCHAPTER C. LICENSE AND PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL SIGNS [~~OUTDOOR~~  
3-39 ~~ADVERTISING~~]

3-40 SECTION 13. The heading to Section 391.061, Transportation  
3-41 Code, is amended to read as follows:

3-42 Sec. 391.061. [~~OUTDOOR ADVERTISING WITHOUT~~] LICENSE FOR  
3-43 COMMERCIAL SIGNS; OFFENSE.

3-44 SECTION 14. Section 391.061(a), Transportation Code, is  
3-45 amended to read as follows:

3-46 (a) A person commits an offense if the person wilfully  
3-47 erects or maintains a commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] in an  
3-48 area described by Section 391.031(a) without a license under this  
3-49 subchapter.

3-50 SECTION 15. Section 391.063, Transportation Code, is  
3-51 amended to read as follows:

3-52 Sec. 391.063. LICENSE FEE. The commission may set the  
3-53 amount of a license fee according to a scale graduated by the number  
3-54 of commercial signs owned by the license applicant that are  
3-55 regulated under this chapter [~~units of outdoor advertising~~] and the  
3-56 number of off-premise signs owned by the license applicant and  
3-57 regulated under Chapter 394 [~~owned by a license applicant~~].

3-58 SECTION 16. Section 391.064(a), Transportation Code, is  
3-59 amended to read as follows:

3-60 (a) The surety bond required of an applicant for a license  
3-61 under Section 391.062 must be:

3-62 (1) in the amount of \$2,500 for each county in the  
3-63 state in which the person erects or maintains a commercial sign  
3-64 [~~outdoor advertising~~]; and

3-65 (2) payable to the commission for reimbursement for  
3-66 removal costs of a commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] that the  
3-67 license holder unlawfully erects or maintains.

3-68 SECTION 17. Section 391.065, Transportation Code, is  
3-69 amended to read as follows:

4-1           Sec. 391.065. RULES; FORMS. (a) The commission may adopt  
 4-2 rules to implement this subchapter and Subchapters A and B  
 4-3 [~~Sections 391.036, 391.061(a), 391.062, 391.063, 391.064, and~~  
 4-4 ~~391.066~~].

4-5           (b) For the efficient management and administration of this  
 4-6 chapter and to reduce the number of employees required to enforce  
 4-7 this chapter, the commission shall adopt rules for issuing  
 4-8 standardized forms that are for submission by license holders and  
 4-9 applicants and that provide for an accurate showing of the number,  
 4-10 location, or other information required by the commission for each  
 4-11 license holder's or applicant's commercial signs under this chapter  
 4-12 [~~outdoor advertising~~] or off-premise signs under Chapter 394.

4-13           (c) The commission may not adopt a rule under this chapter  
 4-14 that restricts competitive bidding or advertising by the holder of  
 4-15 a license issued under this chapter other than a rule to prohibit  
 4-16 false, misleading, or deceptive practices. The limitation provided  
 4-17 by this section applies only to rules relating to the occupation of  
 4-18 erecting or maintaining commercial signs [~~outdoor advertiser~~] and  
 4-19 does not affect the commission's power to regulate the orderly and  
 4-20 effective display of commercial signs [~~outdoor advertising~~] under  
 4-21 this chapter. A rule to prohibit false, misleading, or deceptive  
 4-22 practices may not:

4-23           (1) restrict the use of:  
 4-24               (A) any legal medium for an advertisement;  
 4-25               (B) the license holder's advertisement under a  
 4-26 trade name; or  
 4-27               (C) the license holder's personal appearance or  
 4-28 voice in an advertisement, if the license holder is an individual;  
 4-29 or

4-30           (2) relate to the size or duration of an advertisement  
 4-31 by the license holder.

4-32           SECTION 18. Section 391.0661, Transportation Code, is  
 4-33 amended to read as follows:

4-34           Sec. 391.0661. APPLICABILITY OF LICENSE. In addition to  
 4-35 authorizing a person to erect or maintain a commercial sign under  
 4-36 this chapter [~~outdoor advertising~~], a license issued under this  
 4-37 chapter authorizes a person to erect or maintain an off-premise  
 4-38 sign under Chapter 394.

4-39           SECTION 19. The heading to Section 391.067, Transportation  
 4-40 Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-41           Sec. 391.067. [~~OUTDOOR ADVERTISING WITHOUT~~] PERMIT FOR  
 4-42 COMMERCIAL SIGNS; OFFENSE.

4-43           SECTION 20. Section 391.067(a), Transportation Code, is  
 4-44 amended to read as follows:

4-45           (a) A person who has a license issued under this subchapter  
 4-46 commits an offense if the person wilfully erects or maintains a  
 4-47 commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] for which a license is  
 4-48 required under Section 391.061 unless that person also has a permit  
 4-49 for the sign [~~outdoor advertising~~].

4-50           SECTION 21. Sections 391.068(a), (c), (d), and (e),  
 4-51 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

4-52           (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the commission  
 4-53 shall issue a permit to a person with a license issued under this  
 4-54 subchapter:

4-55               (1) whose license application complies with rules  
 4-56 adopted under Section 391.065; and

4-57               (2) whose commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~],  
 4-58 whether owned or leased, if erected would comply with this chapter  
 4-59 and rules adopted under Section 391.032(a).

4-60           (c) A permit issued to regulate the erection and maintenance  
 4-61 of a commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] by a political  
 4-62 subdivision of this state within that subdivision's jurisdiction  
 4-63 shall be accepted in lieu of the permit required by this subchapter  
 4-64 if the erection and maintenance of the sign [~~outdoor advertising~~]  
 4-65 complies with this subchapter and rules adopted under Section  
 4-66 391.032(a).

4-67           (d) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (a), if  
 4-68 the commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] is located within the  
 4-69 jurisdiction of a municipality with a population of more than 1.9

5-1 million that is exercising its authority to regulate commercial  
5-2 signs [~~outdoor advertising~~], the commission may issue a permit  
5-3 under this section only if the municipality:

5-4 (1) has not acted to prohibit new commercial signs  
5-5 [~~outdoor advertising~~] within the jurisdiction of the municipality;  
5-6 and

5-7 (2) has issued a permit authorizing the commercial  
5-8 sign [~~outdoor advertising~~].

5-9 (e) Subsection (d) does not apply to the relocation of a  
5-10 commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] to another location if the  
5-11 construction, reconstruction, or expansion of a highway requires  
5-12 the removal of the sign [~~outdoor advertising~~].

5-13 SECTION 22. Section 391.070(a), Transportation Code, is  
5-14 amended to read as follows:

5-15 (a) The combined license and permit fees under this  
5-16 subchapter may not exceed \$10 for a commercial sign [~~outdoor~~  
5-17 ~~advertising~~] erected and maintained by a nonprofit organization in  
5-18 a municipality or a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction  
5-19 if the sign [~~advertising~~] relates to or promotes only the  
5-20 municipality or a political subdivision whose jurisdiction is  
5-21 wholly or partly concurrent with the municipality.

5-22 SECTION 23. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 391,  
5-23 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

5-24 SUBCHAPTER H. REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL SIGNS [~~OUTDOOR ADVERTISING~~]  
5-25 ON STATE HIGHWAY 288

5-26 SECTION 24. Section 391.211(a), Transportation Code, is  
5-27 amended to read as follows:

5-28 (a) This subchapter applies only to a commercial sign  
5-29 [~~outdoor advertising~~] that is erected on or after September 1,  
5-30 1993.

5-31 SECTION 25. Section 391.212, Transportation Code, is  
5-32 amended to read as follows:

5-33 Sec. 391.212. REGULATION OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL SIGNS  
5-34 [~~OUTDOOR ADVERTISING~~]. The department may license or otherwise  
5-35 regulate the erection of a commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~]  
5-36 that is located within 1,000 feet of the center line of that part of  
5-37 State Highway 288 in the unincorporated area of a county.

5-38 SECTION 26. The heading to Section 391.252, Transportation  
5-39 Code, is amended to read as follows:

5-40 Sec. 391.252. [~~OFF-PREMISE SIGNS~~] PROHIBITED COMMERCIAL  
5-41 SIGNS.

5-42 SECTION 27. Sections 391.252(a) and (c), Transportation  
5-43 Code, are amended to read as follows:

5-44 (a) A person may not erect a commercial [~~an off-premise~~]  
5-45 sign that is adjacent to and visible from:

5-46 (1) U.S. Highway 290 between the western city limits  
5-47 of the city of Austin and the eastern city limits of the city of  
5-48 Fredericksburg;

5-49 (2) State Highway 317 between the northern city limits  
5-50 of the city of Belton to the southern city limits of the city of  
5-51 Valley Mills;

5-52 (3) State Highway 16 between the northern city limits  
5-53 of the city of Kerrville and Interstate Highway 20;

5-54 (4) U.S. Highway 77 between State Highway 186 and  
5-55 State Highway 44;

5-56 (5) U.S. Highway 281 between:  
5-57 (A) State Highway 186 and Interstate Highway 37,  
5-58 exclusive of the segment of U.S. Highway 281 located in the city  
5-59 limits of Three Rivers; and

5-60 (B) the southern boundary line of Comal County  
5-61 and State Highway 306;

5-62 (6) State Highway 17 between State Highway 118 and  
5-63 U.S. Highway 90;

5-64 (7) State Highway 67 between U.S. Highway 90 and  
5-65 Farm-to-Market Road 170;

5-66 (8) Farm-to-Market Road 170 between State Highway 67  
5-67 and State Highway 118;

5-68 (9) State Highway 118 between Farm-to-Market Road 170  
5-69 and State Highway 17;

- 6-1 (10) State Highway 105 between the western city limits
- 6-2 of the city of Sour Lake to the eastern city limits of the city of
- 6-3 Cleveland;
- 6-4 (11) State Highway 73 between the eastern city limits
- 6-5 of the city of Winnie to the western city limits of the city of Port
- 6-6 Arthur;
- 6-7 (12) State Highway 21 between the southern city limits
- 6-8 of the city of College Station and U.S. Highway 290;
- 6-9 (13) a highway located in:
- 6-10 (A) the Sabine National Forest;
- 6-11 (B) the Davy Crockett National Forest; or
- 6-12 (C) the Sam Houston National Forest;
- 6-13 (14) Segments 1 through 4 of State Highway 130;
- 6-14 (15) a highway in Bandera County that is part of the
- 6-15 state highway system;
- 6-16 (16) Farm-to-Market Road 3238 beginning at State
- 6-17 Highway 71 and any extension of that road through Hays and Blanco
- 6-18 Counties;
- 6-19 (17) Farm-to-Market Road 2978 between Farm-to-Market
- 6-20 Road 1488 and the boundary line between Harris and Montgomery
- 6-21 Counties;
- 6-22 (18) U.S. Highway 90 between the western city limits
- 6-23 of the city of San Antonio and the eastern city limits of the city of
- 6-24 Hondo; or
- 6-25 (19) the following highways in Austin County:
- 6-26 (A) State Highway 159;
- 6-27 (B) Farm-to-Market Road 331;
- 6-28 (C) Farm-to-Market Road 529;
- 6-29 (D) Farm-to-Market Road 1094; and
- 6-30 (E) Farm-to-Market Road 2502.

6-31 (c) This section does not prohibit a person from erecting a  
 6-32 commercial [~~an off-premise~~] sign permitted by other law, rule, or  
 6-33 regulation that is adjacent to and visible from a roadway not listed  
 6-34 in this section and is visible from a roadway listed under this  
 6-35 section if the intended purpose of the sign is to be visible only  
 6-36 from the roadway not listed under this section.

6-37 SECTION 28. Section 391.253, Transportation Code, is  
 6-38 amended to read as follows:

6-39 Sec. 391.253. REERECTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, OR  
 6-40 REBUILDING OF COMMERCIAL [~~OFF-PREMISE~~] SIGNS. (a) A commercial  
 6-41 [~~An off-premise~~] sign that is adjacent to and visible from a highway  
 6-42 listed in Section 391.252 that is blown down, destroyed, taken  
 6-43 down, or removed for a purpose other than maintenance or to change a  
 6-44 letter, symbol, or other matter on the sign may be reerected,  
 6-45 reconstructed, repaired, or rebuilt only if the cost of reerecting,  
 6-46 reconstructing, repairing, or rebuilding the sign is not more than  
 6-47 60 percent of the cost of erecting a new commercial [~~off-premise~~]  
 6-48 sign of the same size, type, and construction at the same location.

6-49 (b) The department shall permit the relocation of a  
 6-50 commercial [~~an off-premise~~] sign adjacent to and visible from a  
 6-51 highway listed in Section 391.252 to another location that is  
 6-52 adjacent to and visible from the same highway if:

6-53 (1) the construction, reconstruction, or expansion of  
 6-54 a highway requires the removal of the sign;

6-55 (2) the sign is not modified to increase the  
 6-56 above-grade height, the area of each sign face, the dimensions of  
 6-57 the sign face, the number of sign faces, or the illumination of the  
 6-58 sign; and

6-59 (3) the department identifies an alternate site for  
 6-60 the relocation of the sign adjacent to and visible from the highway  
 6-61 listed in Section 391.252.

6-62 (c) For purposes of this section, the department shall  
 6-63 specify, within 30 days of receipt of a request for a relocation  
 6-64 site, a minimum of three alternate sites that meet permitting  
 6-65 requirements for a commercial [~~an off-premise~~] sign to be  
 6-66 reerected, reconstructed, repaired, or rebuilt adjacent to and  
 6-67 visible from a highway listed in Section 391.252.

6-68 (d) The owner of a commercial [~~an off-premise~~] sign that is  
 6-69 reerected, reconstructed, repaired, or rebuilt according to

7-1 Subsection (a) or relocated according to Subsection (b) may alter  
7-2 the materials and design of the sign to reduce the number of upright  
7-3 supports, subject to other restrictions in this section, in a  
7-4 manner that meets or exceeds the pre-existing structural  
7-5 specifications of the sign.

7-6 SECTION 29. Section 391.254(d), Transportation Code, is  
7-7 amended to read as follows:

7-8 (d) Before a suit may be brought for a violation of Section  
7-9 391.252, the attorney general, the district or county attorney for  
7-10 the county, or the municipal attorney of the municipality in which  
7-11 the violation is alleged to have occurred shall give the owner of  
7-12 the commercial [~~off-premise~~] sign a written notice that:

7-13 (1) describes the violation and specific location of  
7-14 the sign found to be in violation;

7-15 (2) states the amount of the proposed penalty for the  
7-16 violation; and

7-17 (3) gives the owner 30 days from receipt to remove the  
7-18 sign and cure the violation to avoid the penalty unless the sign  
7-19 owner was given notice and opportunity to cure a similar violation  
7-20 within the preceding 12 months.

7-21 SECTION 30. Section 394.0203, Transportation Code, is  
7-22 amended to read as follows:

7-23 Sec. 394.0203. LICENSE FEE. The commission may set the  
7-24 amount of a license fee according to a scale graduated by the number  
7-25 of off-premise signs owned by the license applicant regulated under  
7-26 this chapter and commercial signs owned by the applicant regulated  
7-27 [~~units of outdoor advertising~~] under Chapter 391 [~~owned by a~~  
7-28 ~~license applicant~~].

7-29 SECTION 31. Section 394.0205(b), Transportation Code, is  
7-30 amended to read as follows:

7-31 (b) For the efficient management and administration of this  
7-32 chapter and to reduce the number of employees required to enforce  
7-33 this chapter, the commission shall adopt rules for issuing  
7-34 standardized forms that are for submission by license holders and  
7-35 applicants and that provide for an accurate showing of the number,  
7-36 location, or other information required by the commission for each  
7-37 license holder's or applicant's off-premise signs under this  
7-38 chapter or commercial signs [~~outdoor advertising~~] under Chapter  
7-39 391.

7-40 SECTION 32. Section 394.0207, Transportation Code, is  
7-41 amended to read as follows:

7-42 Sec. 394.0207. APPLICABILITY OF LICENSE. In addition to  
7-43 authorizing a person to erect or maintain an off-premise sign, a  
7-44 license issued under this chapter authorizes a person to erect or  
7-45 maintain a commercial sign [~~outdoor advertising~~] under Chapter 391.

7-46 SECTION 33. The following provisions of the Transportation  
7-47 Code are repealed:

7-48 (1) Section 391.001(10);

7-49 (2) Section 391.005;

7-50 (3) Section 391.031(b);

7-51 (4) Section 391.037;

7-52 (5) Section 391.061(c); and

7-53 (6) Section 391.251.

7-54 SECTION 34. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
7-55 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
7-56 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
7-57 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
7-58 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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