

1-1 By: Miles S.B. No. 284
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 March 13, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 4; March 13, 2025,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 284 By: West

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

1-21 relating to the civil penalty for certain signs placed on the
 1-22 right-of-way of a public road.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 393.001, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 393.001. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this chapter:

1-27 (1) "Person" includes a person's employee, agent,
 1-28 independent contractor, assignee, business alter ego, and
 1-29 successor in interest.

1-30 (2) "Sign" [~~,"sign"~~] means an outdoor sign, display,
 1-31 light, device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, poster,
 1-32 or other thing designed, intended, or used to advertise or inform.

1-33 SECTION 2. Sections 393.007(a) and (b), Transportation
 1-34 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-35 (a) A person who places or commissions the placement of or
 1-36 whose commercial advertisement is placed on a sign on the
 1-37 right-of-way of a public road that is not otherwise authorized by
 1-38 law may be liable for a civil penalty. A district or county
 1-39 attorney or a municipal attorney in the jurisdiction in which the
 1-40 placement of a sign on the right-of-way of a public road is alleged
 1-41 to have occurred may sue to collect the penalty.

1-42 (b) The amount of the civil penalty may not exceed:

1-43 (1) [~~is not less than \$500 or more than~~] \$1,000 for a a
 1-44 first [each] violation;

1-45 (2) \$2,500 for a second violation; and

1-46 (3) \$5,000 for a third or subsequent violation [~~,~~
 1-47 ~~depending on the seriousness of the violation and whether the~~
 1-48 ~~person has previously violated this chapter. A separate penalty~~
 1-49 ~~may be collected for each day a continuing violation occurs].~~

1-50 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-51 to a violation that occurs on or after the effective date of this
 1-52 Act. A violation that occurs before the effective date of this Act
 1-53 is governed by the law in effect on the date the violation occurred,
 1-54 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-55 purposes of this section, a violation occurs before the effective
 1-56 date of this Act if any element of the violation occurs before that
 1-57 date.

1-58 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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