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HB 674 Elkins (CSHB 674 by Hawley)

SUBJECT: Allowing parking across sidewalks next to private driveways

COMMITTEE: Transportation — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 6 ayes — Alexander, Hawley, Y. Davis, Hamric, Noriega, Swinford

0 nays

3 absent — Edwards, Hill, Pickett

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: Transportation Code, sec. 545.302(a)(2) prohibits the parking, stopping, or

standing of vehicles on sidewalks.

DIGEST: CSHB 674 would allow municipal or county governing bodies to adopt

ordinances or orders allowing an operator to park, stop, or stand a passenger

car or light truck on a portion of a sidewalk extending across a private driveway if the driveway was not long enough to accommodate the vehicle

without its extending across the sidewalk.

Any conflicts between ordinances or orders enacted under this bill and the prohibition in Transportation Code, sec. 545.302(a)(2) would be resolved in

favor of the ordinance or order.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record

vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect

September 1, 2001.

NOTES: The bill as filed would have applied to any passenger car or light truck

operator without regard to local governmental regulation. It would not have given preference to prospective local ordinances or orders over the existing

state law.