

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Texas law does not address the fees a cruise ship terminal located in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more may charge to shuttle, limousine or taxi services. As a result, various service providers at ship terminals may be charged inconsistent fees. As proposed, S.B. 203 would prohibit a municipality or a port authority located in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more from charging transit fees to providers of transportation to or from a ship terminal.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends the heading to Title 14A, Local Government Code, to read as follows:

#### SUBTITLE A. MUNICIPAL PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION PROVISIONS

SECTION 2. Amends Title 14A, Local Government Code, by adding Chapter 440, as follows:

#### CHAPTER 440. MISCELLANEOUS PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION PROVISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES

Sec. 440.001. CERTAIN TRANSIT FEES PROHIBITED. (a) Prohibits a municipality or port authority in a county with a cruise ship terminal and adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more from levying a fee on transportation services to or from the terminal.

(b) Specifies that this section does not affect the municipality's authority to license and regulate professional transportation services within its municipal limits.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.