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GUILLEN STRENGTHENS LANDOWNER REIMBURSEMENTS

H.B. 2306 Improves Reimbursements For Damaged Property

AUSTIN - As author of H.B. 2306, Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) says the new law was designed to prioritize landowners in the reimbursement process. H.B. 2306 changes the order in which individuals whose property was damaged by criminals fleeing law enforcement receive compensation for the damages.

"Law abiding Texans should not have to bear the burden for damages to their land caused by criminals," said Guillen.

When criminals abandon vehicles on private homeowners' property they often cause property damage. Law enforcement officials are allowed to remove, tow, and auction the vehicle. The agency then uses the proceeds of the auction to reimburse a list of individuals including the auctioneer, tow truck driver, and anyone with a lien against the vehicle. Guillen successfully passed bills in 2013 and 2015, H.B. 1981 and H.B. 1190, to put landowners whose property was damaged on this list of people who can be reimbursed. However landowners claim that because of the order in which individuals are reimbursed, there is not much of the proceeds left when it's their turn.

H.B. 2306 prioritizes landowner reimbursement payments by shifting landowners up in the list of individuals eligible for reimbursements from the law enforcement agency. This will help ensure that law abiding Texans are not forced to pay for damages to their property caused by criminals fleeing law enforcement.

"This measure streamlines the reimbursement process so that those who incur damages to private property during a pursuit will receive just compensation" said Guillen.

H.B. 2306 was passed during the 85th Legislative Session and went into effect September 1st, 2017.

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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