

1 AN ACT
2 relating to "Welcome to Texas" signs.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,
5 is amended by adding Section 201.617 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 201.617. "WELCOME TO TEXAS" SIGNS. (a) The department
7 may erect a "Welcome to Texas" sign to designate the state boundary
8 on an interstate, United States, or state highway entering the
9 state.

10 (b) A "Welcome to Texas" sign erected by the department must
11 include the following elements:

12 (1) a depiction of the state flag;

13 (2) the phrase "Drive Friendly--The Texas Way"; and

14 (3) the phrase "Welcome to Texas--Proud to be the Home
15 of President George W. Bush."

16 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Transportation shall
17 ensure that a "Welcome to Texas" sign erected by the department
18 before the effective date of this Act complies with this Act not
19 later than January 1, 2006.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 137 was passed by the House on April 20, 2005, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 137 on May 24, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 137 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Antony Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUNE '05

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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Roger Williams
Secretary of State