

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**  
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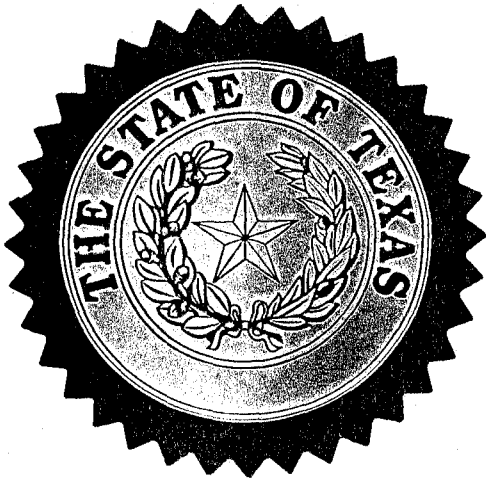
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 59 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 59 must be vetoed to avoid confusion for law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts. House Bill No. 2096, which I signed, creates a new chapter in the Penal Code regarding trafficking of persons. Therefore, the similar but not identical provisions in House Bill No. 59 are unnecessary.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

*Rick Perry*

RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

*Gwyn Shea*  
GWYN SHEA  
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
7:30 P.M. O'CLOCK

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