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H.B. No. 3787

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to dynamic message signs used in certain statewide alert systems.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K-2 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K-2. DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS FOR ALERT SYSTEMS

Sec. 411.321. DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the Texas Department of Transportation shall provide information necessary for statewide alert systems created under Subchapters K-1, L, L-1, M, P, P-1, and Q through a system of dynamic message signs that are:

(1) located across the state; and

(2) capable of displaying digital images useful in locating a missing individual.

(b) The Texas Department of Transportation may enter into an agreement with a private entity to install or operate the dynamic message signs described by Subsection (a) and shall request permission from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration to implement this section. An agreement under this subsection must generate net revenue to the state and reduce the amount of tax revenue necessary to fund the installation and operation of the dynamic message signs described by Subsection (a). The Texas Department of Transportation may

1 accept gifts and grants of money, equipment, or other resources
2 necessary to install and operate the dynamic message signs
3 described by Subsection (a).

4 (c) The Texas Department of Transportation is not required
5 to comply with Subsection (a) if that department receives notice
6 from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway
7 Administration that the use of the dynamic message signs described
8 by that subsection would result in the loss of federal highway
9 funding or other punitive actions taken against this state due to
10 noncompliance with federal laws, regulations, or policies.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.