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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the online availability of certain state publications.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 441, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 441.1035 to read as follows:

Sec. 441.1035. STATE PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED IN PHYSICAL FORMAT; NOTICE; ONLINE AVAILABILITY. (a) A state agency that distributes by subscription a state publication in a physical format, such as paper, tape, or disk, and without a fee or other cost to the subscriber shall make the publication accessible in an electronic format from the agency's Internet website.

(b) When distributing a state publication in a physical format, a state agency that makes the publication accessible on its Internet website must inform each subscriber to the publication that the subscriber may, instead of receiving a physical copy, access the publication at the agency's Internet website.

(c) If a subscriber prefers to access a publication at the state agency's Internet website and notifies the agency of that preference, the agency shall:

(1) remove the subscriber from the distribution list for that publication; and

(2) notify the subscriber electronically each time the publication becomes available at the agency's Internet website and provide an electronic link to the publication.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.