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H.B. No. 693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the form of "Welcome to Texas" signs along certain
3 highways.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 201.617, Transportation Code, as added
6 by Chapter 474, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session,
7 2005, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection
8 (c) to read as follows:

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

11 (1) a depiction of the state flag; and

12 (2) the phrase "Drive Friendly--The Texas Way." [~~+~~
13 ~~and~~

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

16 (c) If the president of the United States is a resident of
17 Texas, a "Welcome to Texas" sign erected by the department must
18 include the phrase "Welcome to Texas--Proud Home of President
19 [insert name of the president of the United States]."

20 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Transportation shall
21 ensure that a "Welcome to Texas" sign erected by the department
22 before the effective date of this Act complies with this Act not
23 later than September 1, 2009.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 20, 2009.