

1-1 By: Paxton (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.B. No. 693  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2007;  
1-3 May 7, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 9, 2007, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 9, 2007, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the form of "Welcome to Texas" signs along certain  
1-10 highways.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 201.617, Transportation Code, as added  
1-13 by Chapter 474, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session,  
1-14 2005, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection  
1-15 (c) to read as follows:

1-16 (b) A "Welcome to Texas" sign erected by the department  
1-17 must include the following elements:

1-18 (1) a depiction of the state flag; and

1-19 (2) the phrase "Drive Friendly--The Texas Way." [~~+~~  
1-20 and

1-21 ~~[(3) the phrase "Welcome to Texas--Proud to be the~~  
1-22 ~~Home of President George W. Bush.]]~~

1-23 (c) If the president of the United States is a resident of  
1-24 Texas, a "Welcome to Texas" sign erected by the department must  
1-25 include the phrase "Welcome to Texas--Proud Home of President  
1-26 [insert name of the president of the United States]."

1-27 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Transportation shall  
1-28 ensure that a "Welcome to Texas" sign erected by the department  
1-29 before the effective date of this Act complies with this Act not  
1-30 later than September 1, 2009.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 20, 2009.

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