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H.B. No. 3789

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the manner in which notice of certain events concerning the low income housing tax credit program is given.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter DD, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.67171 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.67171. ELECTRONIC MAIL NOTIFICATION SERVICE. (a) The department shall maintain an electronic mail notification service to which any person in this state may electronically subscribe to receive information concerning the status of preapplications and applications under this subchapter.

(b) The electronic mail notification service maintained under Subsection (a) must:

(1) allow a subscriber to request for a zip code notification of:

(A) the filing of any preapplication or application concerning a development that is or will be located in the zip code;

(B) any change in the status of an application or preapplication described by Paragraph (A); and

(C) any public hearing to be held concerning an application or preapplication described by Paragraph (A); and

(2) respond to a subscriber via electronic mail not later than the later of:

1 (A) the third business day after the date the
2 department receives notice of an event described by Subdivision
3 (1); or

4 (B) if applicable, the date or dates specified by
5 Section 2306.6717(a).

6 (c) The department may include in an electronic mail
7 notification sent to a subscriber any applicable information
8 described by Section 2306.6717.

9 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Housing and Community
10 Affairs shall have the electronic mail notification service
11 required to be maintained under Section 2306.67171, Government
12 Code, as added by this Act, fully functional and able to receive
13 subscription requests and respond appropriately to those requests
14 not later than January 1, 2008.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.