

Amend CSHB 300 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Sections 201.617(a) and (b), Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 474 (HB 137), Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall [~~may~~] erect a "Welcome to Texas" sign to designate the state boundary on an interstate, United States, or state highway entering the state.

(b) A "Welcome to Texas" sign erected by the department:

(1) must include [~~the following elements~~]:

(A) [~~(1)~~] a depiction of the state flag; and

(B) [~~(2)~~] the phrase "Drive Friendly--The Texas Way"; and

(2) may include the phrase "Welcome to Texas--Proud Home of Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, George H. W. Bush, and George W. Bush."

SECTION _____. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.6175 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.6175. TEXAS FLAG AT INTERNATIONAL PORT-OF-ENTRY.

(a) The department shall erect and maintain a Texas flag to designate the state boundary at an appropriate location at or near each interstate, United States, or state highway originating at an official port-of-entry on an international border.

(b) A Texas flag erected under this section must:

(1) be visible from the international port-of-entry;
and

(2) be of a size equal to or larger than the size of the flag of any foreign nation flown at the port-of-entry located on the opposite side of the international border.

(c) The department may contract with any governmental or private entity for the care and maintenance of a Texas flag erected under this section.