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H.B. No. 1735

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement of orange frames on certain speed limit signs erected by a municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 544, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 544.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 544.013. ORANGE FRAME FOR CERTAIN SPEED LIMIT SIGNS.

(a) The governing body of a municipality that erects a sign giving notice of an altered speed limit on a highway or street under the municipality's jurisdiction shall install and maintain a frame behind the sign until the 91st day after the date the sign is erected.

(b) The frame must:

(1) have an orange reflective background;

(2) contain the word "NEW"; and

(3) be consistent with the manual and specifications adopted under Section 544.001.

(c) It is not a defense to prosecution of an offense under Subchapter H, Chapter 545, that the frame required by Subsection (a) was not installed. Noncompliance with Subsection (a) by the governing body of a municipality is not admissible in the trial of the offense.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.