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H.B. No. 2256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the view of the State Capitol.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 3151, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 3151.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 3151.0021. DEFINITION OF CONGRESS AVENUE VIEW CORRIDOR. In this chapter, "Congress Avenue view corridor" means all of the area between two lines:

(1) one of which begins at Texas Plane Coordinate X-2817236.98, Y-226449.47 and terminates at Texas Plane Coordinate X-2818255.32, Y-229927.70; and

(2) the second of which begins at Texas Plane Coordinate X-2817394.92, Y-226404.24 and terminates at Texas Plane Coordinate X-2818441.82, Y-229874.83.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 3151.051, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3151.051. PROHIBITED CONSTRUCTION; CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR.

SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 3151, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 3151.0511 to read as follows:

Sec. 3151.0511. PROHIBITED CONSTRUCTION; CONGRESS AVENUE VIEW CORRIDOR. A person may not begin, in the Congress Avenue view corridor, construction of a structure:

(1) on the west side of Congress Avenue that:

1 (A) is within 60 feet of Congress Avenue; and

2 (B) has a height that exceeds 90 feet; and

3 (2) on the east side of Congress Avenue that:

4 (A) is within 40 feet of Congress Avenue; and

5 (B) has a height that exceeds 90 feet.

6 SECTION 4. Section 3151.053, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 3151.053. CONFLICT WITH OTHER [~~LOCAL~~] REQUIREMENTS.

9 If a requirement of this chapter conflicts with a requirement
10 enacted by a municipality or with any other requirement under state
11 law, the stricter requirement prevails.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.