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H.B. No. 1447

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a certificate program to promote travel to and throughout this state; authorizing fees.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 204, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 204.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 204.012. TRAVEL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM. (a) The department by rule shall create and implement a travel certificate program that includes issuance of a certificate by the department to an individual for visiting various locations in this state.

(b) The program under Subsection (a) must include:

(1) different location categories of certificates, such as "BBQ Boss," "Beer Hall Visitor," "Historic Courthouse Visitor," "Vineyard/Winery Visitor," "Beachcomber," "Traveler," "Museum Visitor," and "Rodeo Visitor";

(2) different levels of certificates within a location category, such as issuance of a "Basic" certificate for visiting locations in at least three regions of the state, issuance of an "Advanced" certificate for visiting locations in at least five regions of the state, and issuance of a "Master" certificate for visiting locations in at least seven regions of the state; and

(3) on payment of a fee determined by the department, the issuance of a certificate by the department to an individual for a certain level within a location category.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2018.