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H.B. No. 3838

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the display of emergency and other notices by a  
3 governmental entity on the entity's Internet website.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of  
6 the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to  
7 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes  
8 becomes law.

9 (b) Subchapter E, Chapter 2051, Government Code, as added by  
10 Chapter 1029 (H.B. 305), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular  
11 Session, 2019, is redesignated as Subchapter F, Chapter 2051,  
12 Government Code, and amended by adding Section 2051.203 to read as  
13 follows:

14 Sec. 2051.203. REQUIRED POSTING OF NOTICE. (a) In this  
15 section "governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by Section  
16 2051.041.

17 (b) A governmental entity shall post in a prominent location  
18 on the home page of the entity's Internet website:

19 (1) each emergency notification issued by the entity;  
20 and

21 (2) any other official notice issued by the entity,  
22 including notices regarding the entity's ability or inability to  
23 provide services the entity normally provides to the public.

24 SECTION 2. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of

1 the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to  
2 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes does  
3 not become law.

4 (b) Subchapter E, Chapter 2051, Government Code, as added by  
5 Chapter 1029 (H.B. 305), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular  
6 Session, 2019, is amended by adding Section 2051.153 to read as  
7 follows:

8 Sec. 2051.153. REQUIRED POSTING OF NOTICE. (a) In this  
9 section "governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by Section  
10 2051.041.

11 (b) A governmental entity shall post in a prominent location  
12 on the home page of the entity's Internet website:

13 (1) each emergency notification issued by the entity;  
14 and

15 (2) any other official notice issued by the entity,  
16 including notices regarding the entity's ability or inability to  
17 provide services the entity normally provides to the public.

18 SECTION 3. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of  
19 the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to  
20 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes  
21 becomes law.

22 (b) Section 2051.151, Government Code, as added by Chapter  
23 1029 (H.B. 305), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session,  
24 2019, is redesignated as Section 2051.201, Government Code, and  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 2051.201 [~~2051.151~~]. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER.  
27 Except as provided by Sections 2051.202(b) and 2051.203 [~~Section~~

1 ~~2051.152(b)~~], this subchapter applies only to a political  
2 subdivision with the authority to impose a tax that at any time on  
3 or after January 1, 2019, maintained a publicly accessible Internet  
4 website.

5 SECTION 4. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of  
6 the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to  
7 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes does  
8 not become law.

9 (b) Section 2051.151, Government Code, as added by Chapter  
10 1029 (H.B. 305), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session,  
11 2019, is amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 2051.151. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. Except as  
13 provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 2051.152(b) and 2051.153, this  
14 subchapter applies only to a political subdivision with the  
15 authority to impose a tax that at any time on or after January 1,  
16 2019, maintained a publicly accessible Internet website.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.