

1-1 By: Martinez (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 671
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 1-3 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to establishment of the disaster identification system for
 1-21 a declared state of disaster.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 418.004, Government Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subdivision (3-a) to read as follows:

1-25 (3-a) "Illuminated display" means a device that is
 1-26 capable of displaying a flashing light and a continuous light in
 1-27 either the color white or the colors blue, green, red, and yellow.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 418.015(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-29 to read as follows:

1-30 (a) An executive order or proclamation declaring a state of
 1-31 disaster:

1-32 (1) activates the disaster recovery and
 1-33 rehabilitation aspects of the state emergency management plan
 1-34 applicable to the area subject to the declaration; ~~and~~

1-35 (2) authorizes the deployment and use of any forces to
 1-36 which the plan applies and the use or distribution of any supplies,
 1-37 equipment, and materials or facilities assembled, stockpiled, or
 1-38 arranged to be made available under this chapter or other law
 1-39 relating to disasters; and

1-40 (3) activates for the area subject to the declaration
 1-41 the disaster identification system described by Section 418.0151.

1-42 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
 1-43 amended by adding Section 418.0151 to read as follows:

1-44 Sec. 418.0151. DISASTER IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM. (a) In an
 1-45 area subject to a state of disaster declaration, a person may elect
 1-46 to participate in the disaster identification system activated for
 1-47 the area. The system must authorize the use of an illuminated
 1-48 display to communicate with disaster relief personnel.

1-49 (b) A person participating in the disaster identification
 1-50 system shall:

1-51 (1) affix to each individual and domesticated animal
 1-52 in the person's household an illuminated display of the following
 1-53 colors:

1-54 (A) if the person has a monochromatic illuminated
 1-55 display, the color white for each individual and animal; or

1-56 (B) if the person has a multicolored illuminated
 1-57 display:

1-58 (i) blue for each individual 18 years of age
 1-59 or older;

1-60 (ii) green for each individual with a
 1-61 disability;

2-1 (iii) red for each individual younger than
 2-2 18 years of age; and
 2-3 (iv) yellow for each animal; and
 2-4 (2) using the illuminated display, signal to disaster
 2-5 relief personnel responding to the area after the disaster with:
 2-6 (A) a continuous light on the display of each
 2-7 household member who does not need medical assistance; or
 2-8 (B) a flashing light on the display of each
 2-9 household member who needs medical assistance.
 2-10 (c) Disaster relief personnel may patrol the designated
 2-11 disaster area by air or ground at night to locate individuals or
 2-12 animals with activated illuminated displays.

2-13 SECTION 4. Section 418.042(a), Government Code, is amended
 2-14 to read as follows:

2-15 (a) The division shall prepare and keep current a
 2-16 comprehensive state emergency management plan. The plan may
 2-17 include:

2-18 (1) provisions for prevention and minimization of
 2-19 injury and damage caused by disaster;

2-20 (2) provisions for prompt and effective response to
 2-21 disaster;

2-22 (3) provisions for emergency relief;

2-23 (4) provisions for energy emergencies;

2-24 (5) identification of areas particularly vulnerable
 2-25 to disasters;

2-26 (6) recommendations for zoning, building
 2-27 restrictions, and other land-use controls, safety measures for
 2-28 securing mobile homes or other nonpermanent or semipermanent
 2-29 structures, and other preventive and preparedness measures
 2-30 designed to eliminate or reduce disasters or their impact;

2-31 (7) provisions for assistance to local officials in
 2-32 designing local emergency management plans;

2-33 (8) authorization and procedures for the erection or
 2-34 other construction of temporary works designed to protect against
 2-35 or mitigate danger, damage, or loss from flood, fire, or other
 2-36 disaster;

2-37 (9) preparation and distribution to the appropriate
 2-38 state and local officials of state catalogs of federal, state, and
 2-39 private assistance programs;

2-40 (10) organization of manpower and channels of
 2-41 assistance;

2-42 (11) coordination of federal, state, and local
 2-43 emergency management activities;

2-44 (12) coordination of the state emergency management
 2-45 plan with the emergency management plans of the federal government;

2-46 (13) coordination of federal and state energy
 2-47 emergency plans;

2-48 (14) provisions for providing information to local
 2-49 officials on activation of the Emergency Alert System established
 2-50 under 47 C.F.R. Part 11;

2-51 (15) a database of public facilities that may be used
 2-52 under Section 418.017 to shelter individuals during a disaster,
 2-53 including air-conditioned facilities for shelter during an extreme
 2-54 heat disaster and fortified structures for shelter during a wind
 2-55 disaster;

2-56 (16) provisions for quickly replenishing the food
 2-57 supplies of area food banks or food pantries following a disaster;

2-58 (17) provisions for the use of the disaster
 2-59 identification system described by Section 418.0151; and

2-60 (18) [~~17~~] other necessary matters relating to
 2-61 disasters.

2-62 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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