

CHAPTER 689

H.B. No. 167

An Act relating to the display of warning signs in languages other than English by certain alcoholic beverage licensees and permittees; providing a penalty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 26.05(a), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each holder of a wine and beer retailer's off-premise permit shall display in a prominent place on his premises a sign stating in letters at least two inches high: **IT IS A CRIME (MISDEMEANOR) TO CONSUME LIQUOR OR BEER ON THESE PREMISES.** *The commission or administrator may require the holder of the permit to also display the sign in a language other than English if it can be observed or determined that a substantial portion of the expected customers speak the other language as their familiar language.*

SECTION 2. Section 61.11(a), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each holder of a license shall display in a prominent place on his premises a sign, at least 6 inches high and 14 inches wide, stating: **FELONY. STATE LAW PRESCRIBES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 FOR CARRYING WEAPONS WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD, SERVED, OR CONSUMED.** *The commission or administrator may require the holder of the license to also display the sign in a language other than English if it can be observed or determined that a substantial portion of the expected customers speak the other language as their familiar language.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 4, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nay 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985