

- SUBJECT:** Allowing the erection of signs advertising insurance during a disaster
- COMMITTEE:** Defense and Veterans' Affairs — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Corte, Vaught, Chavez, Edwards, Farias, Maldonado, Ortiz, C. Turner
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Pickett
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 30 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Anne O’Ryan, AAA Texas)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Local Government Code, ch. 216 allows municipalities to require the relocation, reconstruction, or removal of any sign within its corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction. A municipality is required to compensate a sign owner for costs associated with a sign’s relocation, reconstruction, or removal, unless the sign advertised a person, business, or activity on the same premises as the person, business, or activity, and the person, business, or activity had not operated on the same premises as the sign for at least one year.
- Government Code, 418.016 allows the governor to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute regarding the conduct of state business or state agency rules if compliance with the statute or rule would hinder necessary action in coping with a disaster.
- DIGEST:** SB 1890 would suspend municipal regulation of on-premise outdoor signs during a declared disaster in municipalities located in a county within or adjacent to the declared disaster area, and would allow licensed or admitted insurance carriers to erect signs advertising temporary claims service for 30 days or until the end of the disaster declaration, whichever was earlier.
- The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds

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record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2009.