GONZALES ANNOUNCES FINAL PASSAGE OF METH DISCLOSURE LEGISLATION

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AUSTIN - Representative Veronica Gonzales (McAllen) saw HB 271 voted out of the Senate. The Senate's passage of HB 271 occurs at a crucial time as deadlines are quickly approaching towards the end of Session. The bill requires home sellers to disclose whether they are aware of any previous use of a residence for the manufacture of methamphetamines.

Rep. Gonzales cited Senator Eddie Lucio's support as Senate sponsor for HB 271 was critical for passage in the Senate. "I am proud to work with Senator Lucio to protect the public from the lingering effects of meth labs as well as the protecting the greatest investment homebuyers have worked hard to purchase," said Rep. Gonzales.

The bill will become effective January 1, 2008. The 80th Legislature will adjourn Sine Die on May 28, leaving 10 days for the House and Senate Chambers to vote out bills that the Governor can sign into lawn. State Representative Veronica Gonzales is currently serving her second term representing parts of McAllen and Hidalgo County in the Texas House.

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