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H.B. No. 2641

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2641:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to annually adjusting for inflation the maximum amount of  
3 a motor vehicle excluded in determining eligibility for the  
4 supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code,  
7 is amended by adding Section 33.0215 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 33.0215. ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
9 VALUE EXCLUDED IN DETERMINING SNAP ELIGIBILITY. (a) The executive  
10 commissioner by rule shall adjust for inflation in the manner  
11 specified by Subsection (b) the maximum amount of the fair market  
12 value of a motor vehicle that may be excluded from the resources of  
13 an applicant's household for purposes of determining the  
14 applicant's eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance  
15 program benefits, including eligibility determined in accordance  
16 with 7 C.F.R. Section 273.2(j).

17 (b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the maximum  
18 amount of the fair market value of a motor vehicle described by  
19 Subsection (a) that may be excluded from an applicant's resources  
20 must be increased or decreased to reflect the percentage difference  
21 between:

22 (1) the average index level set by the Bureau of Labor  
23 Statistics; and

24 (2) the new vehicles index of the Consumer Price Index

1 for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
2 or its successor index during the most recent 12-month period  
3 ending in June.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an  
5 initial determination or recertification of eligibility of a person  
6 for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33,  
7 Human Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of  
8 this Act.

9 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
10 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
11 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
12 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
13 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
14 waiver or authorization is granted.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.