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H.B. No. 1168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a program to provide housing vouchers to emergency medical services personnel in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2306.553(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The public purpose of the corporation is to perform activities and services that the corporation's board of directors determines will promote the public health, safety, and welfare through the provision of adequate, safe, and sanitary housing primarily for individuals and families of low, very low, and extremely low income and for persons who are eligible for loans under the home loan program provided by Section 2306.5621 or who are eligible for a housing voucher under Section 2306.570. The activities and services shall include engaging in mortgage banking activities and lending transactions and acquiring, holding, selling, or leasing real or personal property.

SECTION 2. Subchapter Y, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.570 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.570. HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL. (a) In this section, "emergency medical services personnel" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The corporation shall, using available resources,

1 establish a housing voucher program in a county with a population of  
2 more than 1 million and less than 1.5 million to provide housing  
3 vouchers to emergency medical services personnel.

4 (c) The corporation's board of directors shall adopt rules:

5 (1) governing the program's administration;

6 (2) establishing eligibility criteria for a person to  
7 receive a housing voucher under the program;

8 (3) establishing a mechanism to determine the amount  
9 of a housing voucher provided under the program; and

10 (4) prescribing any other program requirements that  
11 the board determines necessary.

12 (d) The corporation may accept gifts, grants, and  
13 donations from any source to establish and operate the program.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.