

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

A technology access clause was developed under Section 2157.05, Government Code, to allow for both visual and nonvisual access to Automated Information Systems (AIS). The clause is to be included in all documents and contracts entered into by the state or state agencies that relate to the procurement of AIS products. The nature and job requirements of emergency response personnel, police officers, firefighters and other personnel called upon to assist in emergency response preclude nonvisual personnel from these jobs. S.B. 1155 amends the technology clause to exempt wireless communication devices used by peace officers, firefighters, and other emergency response personnel who respond to a public safety emergency.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2157.005, Government Code, by adding Subsection (d) to provide that this section does not apply to the purchase of a wireless communication device to be used by peace officers, firefighters, and other emergency response personnel to respond to a public safety emergency.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.