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H.B. No. 161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the exemption of certain travel trailers from ad  
3 valorem taxation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.14(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a  
8 person is entitled to an exemption from taxation of all tangible  
9 personal property, other than manufactured homes, that the person  
10 owns and that is not held or used for production of income. This  
11 subsection does not apply to ~~[exempt from taxation]~~ a travel  
12 trailer, as defined by Section 11.142, that a person owns.

13 SECTION 2. Section 11.142(b), Tax Code, is amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 (b) A person is entitled to an exemption ~~[The governing body  
16 of a taxing unit, other than a school district, by official action  
17 of the body adopted in the manner required by law for official  
18 action may exempt]~~ from taxation of a travel trailer that a person  
19 owns, regardless of whether the travel trailer is real or personal  
20 property, if:

21 (1) on January 1 of the applicable tax year, the travel  
22 trailer is registered in this state in compliance with Chapter 502,  
23 Transportation Code; and

24 (2) the travel trailer is not held or used for the

1 production of income.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2004, and  
3 applies only to taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after  
4 that date, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the  
5 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, authorizing the  
6 legislature to exempt certain travel trailers that are registered  
7 in this state from ad valorem taxation is approved by the voters.  
8 If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no  
9 effect.