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H.B. No. 759

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a transportation service to facilitate the purchase of
3 medications near the state border with the United Mexican States.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 101, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 101.034 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 101.034. TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO FACILITATE
8 PURCHASE OF MEDICATIONS. (a) The department shall provide a
9 low-cost transportation service to assist elderly individuals and
10 other residents of this state in traveling to the United Mexican
11 States to purchase medications.

12 (b) The department shall provide the transportation service
13 by operating buses or other appropriate vehicles between areas
14 located in this state and areas located in the United Mexican States
15 near the state border. The areas must include both urban and rural
16 locations in this state selected by the board.

17 (c) The department shall charge a fee to each passenger in
18 the amount necessary to recover the cost of operating the
19 transportation service.

20 (d) The department may contract with a commercial bus
21 company to operate the transportation service.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.