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H.B. No. 2444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain purchases by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

4 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.021 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 81.021. DELEGATED PURCHASES. The commission is
7 delegated the authority to purchase goods and services under
8 Section 2155.132(a), Government Code, if the purchase does not
9 exceed \$300,000.

10 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
11 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.057 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 81.057. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN PURCHASING RULES. The
13 commission is not required to follow any purchasing procedures
14 prescribed by or under the following laws when the commission makes
15 a purchase in connection with the remediation of surface locations
16 or well plugging:

17 (1) Subchapter E, Chapter 2155, Government Code;

18 (2) Section 2161.003 or 2161.004, Government Code;

19 (3) Subchapters D and F, Chapter 2161, Government
20 Code; and

21 (4) Subchapters B and C, Chapter 2177, Government
22 Code.

23 SECTION 3. Section 2158.004, Government Code, is amended by
24 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1 (e) Except for the purchase or lease of a motor vehicle for
2 use in a nonattainment area designated under Section 107(d) of the
3 federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7407), as amended,
4 Subsection (a) does not apply to a purchase or lease by the Railroad
5 Commission of Texas.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.