

1-1 By: West (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 2444
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2003;
1-3 May 20, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 24, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to certain purchases by the Railroad Commission of Texas.
1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
1-11 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.021 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 81.021. DELEGATED PURCHASES. The commission is
1-13 delegated the authority to purchase goods and services under
1-14 Section 2155.132(a), Government Code, if the purchase does not
1-15 exceed \$300,000.

1-16 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
1-17 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.057 to read as follows:

1-18 Sec. 81.057. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN PURCHASING RULES. The
1-19 commission is not required to follow any purchasing procedures
1-20 prescribed by or under the following laws when the commission makes
1-21 a purchase in connection with the remediation of surface locations
1-22 or well plugging:

1-23 (1) Subchapter E, Chapter 2155, Government Code;

1-24 (2) Section 2161.003 or 2161.004, Government Code;

1-25 (3) Subchapters D and F, Chapter 2161, Government
1-26 Code; and

1-27 (4) Subchapters B and C, Chapter 2177, Government
1-28 Code.

1-29 SECTION 3. Section 2158.004, Government Code, is amended by
1-30 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-31 (e) Except for the purchase or lease of a motor vehicle for
1-32 use in a nonattainment area designated under Section 107(d) of the
1-33 federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7407), as amended,
1-34 Subsection (a) does not apply to a purchase or lease by the Railroad
1-35 Commission of Texas.

1-36 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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