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H.B. No. 3014

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authorization of donations to state programs by  
3 pharmaceutical manufacturers or other private entities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 531.038. Government Code is amended by  
6 adding subsection (b) to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.038. Gifts and Grants. (a) The commission may  
8 accept a gift or grant from a public or private source to perform  
9 any of the commission's powers or duties.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any current law, rule or regulation to  
11 the contrary, a pharmaceutical manufacturer, distributor,  
12 provider, or other third party may make contributions of money,  
13 drugs, equipment, or any other item of value to any state agency,  
14 subject to the written approval of the Health and Human Services  
15 Commissioner. The Commission may adopt rules and procedures to for  
16 the implementation of this provision.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.