

By: Cook of Colorado

H.B. No. 3043

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to travel services contracts.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2171.052(b) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The central travel office may ~~[shall]~~ negotiate contracts with private travel agents, with travel and transportation providers, and with credit card companies that provide travel services and other benefits to the state. The central travel office may ~~[shall]~~ negotiate with commercial lodging establishments to obtain the most cost-effective rates possible for state employees traveling on state business.

(c) The commission may ~~[shall]~~ make contracts with travel agents that meet certain reasonable requirements prescribed by the central travel office, ~~[allowing contracts to provide travel services by as many private travel agents as possible]~~ with preference given to resident entities of this state.

SECTION 2. Section 2171.052(e), Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.