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S.B. No. 890

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the lease of certain state parking lots and garages.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2165.2035 to read as follows:

Sec. 2165.2035. PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "lease" includes a management agreement.

(b) The commission shall establish a pilot program to develop private, commercial uses for state-owned parking lots and garages located in the city of Austin in the area bordered by West Fourth Street, Lavaca Street, West Third Street, and Nueces Street.

(c) The commission shall contract with a private vendor to manage the commercial use of state-owned parking lots and garages.

(d) Money received from a lease under this program shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(e) On or before December 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall submit a report to the legislature and the Legislative Budget Board describing the effectiveness of the pilot program.

(f) The limitation on the amount of space allocated to private tenants prescribed by Section 2165.205(b) does not apply to the lease of a state-owned parking lot or garage under this section.

(g) Any lease of a state-owned parking lot or garage under this section must contain a provision that allows state employees

1 who work hours other than regular working hours under Section  
2 658.005 to retain their parking privileges in a state-owned parking  
3 lot or garage.

4 (h) As a condition of vendor participation in the pilot, the  
5 vendor shall assess parking fees at a rate competitive with the  
6 market rates in the area established in Section 2165.2035(b).

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.