

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1264
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2009; March 17, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Government Organization;
1-4 April 2, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 2, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1264 By: Nelson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the participation of certain transportation entities
1-11 and hospital districts in the comptroller of public accounts'
1-12 travel services contracts.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 2171.055, Government Code, is amended by
1-15 adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

1-16 (i) An officer or employee of a transportation or transit
1-17 authority, department, district, or system established under
1-18 Subtitle K, Title 6, Transportation Code, who is engaged in
1-19 official business of the authority, department, district, or system
1-20 may participate in the comptroller's contracts for travel services.
1-21 The comptroller may charge a participating authority, department,
1-22 district, or system a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the
1-23 comptroller in providing services under this subsection. The
1-24 comptroller shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as
1-25 needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services
1-26 to authorities, departments, districts, and systems under this
1-27 subsection.

1-28 (j) An officer or employee of a hospital district created
1-29 under general or special law who is engaged in official hospital
1-30 district business may participate in the commission's contract for
1-31 travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares
1-32 and reduced travel agent fees. The commission may charge a
1-33 participating hospital district a fee not to exceed the costs
1-34 incurred by the commission in providing services under this
1-35 subsection. The commission shall periodically review fees and
1-36 shall adjust them as needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in
1-37 providing services to hospital districts under this subsection.
1-38 The commission shall deposit the fees collected under this
1-39 subsection to the credit of the hospital district airline fares
1-40 account. The hospital district airline fares account is an account
1-41 in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the
1-42 purposes of this chapter. The commission shall adopt rules and make
1-43 or amend contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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