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H.B. No. 76

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain purchases by a state agency performing a law enforcement function.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.151 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.151. CERTAIN PURCHASES BY STATE AGENCY PERFORMING LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS. The governing body of a state agency that performs a law enforcement function is exempt from the purchasing procedures under this subtitle or Chapter 2252 for the purpose of purchasing equipment related to the agency's law enforcement functions if the governing body determines that following those procedures would negatively impact homeland security or impair the agency's ability to perform the agency's law enforcement functions.

SECTION 2. 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, 2011.