1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of certain volunteer firefighter and

3 emergency services organizations to hold tax-free sales or

4 auctions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 151.310, Tax Code, is amended by adding

7 Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

8 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), an organization that

9 qualifies for an exemption under Subsection (a)(4) may hold 10

10 tax-free sales or auctions during a calendar year. Each tax-free

11 sale or auction may continue for not more than 72 hours. The

12 storage, use, or consumption of a taxable item that is acquired from

13 a qualified organization at a tax-free sale or auction and that is

14 exempted under this subsection from the taxes imposed by Subchapter

15 C is exempted from the use tax imposed by Subchapter D until the

16 item is resold or subsequently transferred. Subsection (d) applies

17 to a tax-free sale or auction authorized by this subsection. This

18 subsection expires September 1, 2014.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not

20 affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this

21 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been

22 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the

23 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of

24 the liability for those taxes.

1   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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    President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

    I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1927 passed the Senate on

May 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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                                        Secretary of the Senate

    I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1927 passed the House on

May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one

present not voting.

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                                        Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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        Date

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      Governor