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H.B. No. 2962

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of a credit or charge card by a state agency to make certain purchases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 403.023, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) If the comptroller adopts rules authorized under Subsection (b), the rules must:

(1) require the state agency to use a credit or charge card to pay for all purchases unless the comptroller determines that another method of payment will result in greater cost savings to the state; and

(2) prohibit an employee of the state agency from using a personal credit or charge card to pay for the state agency's purchases.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 2171, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2171.0521 to read as follows:

Sec. 2171.0521. PAYMENT FOR TRAVEL SERVICES WITH CREDIT OR CHARGE CARD. If a state agency participates in a program administered by the comptroller that allows the agency to use a credit or charge card to purchase travel services:

(1) the agency shall use the credit or charge card to purchase travel services required for agency travel, unless the comptroller determines that another method of purchase will result

1 in greater cost savings to the state; and

2 (2) an employee of the agency may not use the
3 employee's personal credit or charge card to purchase travel
4 services required for agency travel.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.