

1-1 By: Harper-Brown (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.B. No. 2962  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;  
 1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
 1-4 and Commerce; May 16, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1;  
 1-6 May 16, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2962 By: Carona

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the use of a credit or charge card by certain state  
 1-22 agencies to make certain purchases.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 403.023, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-25 adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

1-26 (b-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b-2), if the  
 1-27 comptroller adopts rules authorized under Subsection (b), the rules  
 1-28 must:

1-29 (1) require a state agency in the executive branch of  
 1-30 state government to use a credit or charge card to pay for all  
 1-31 purchases unless the comptroller determines that another method of  
 1-32 payment is more advantageous to the state; and

1-33 (2) prohibit an employee of a state agency in the  
 1-34 executive branch of state government from using a personal credit  
 1-35 or charge card to pay for the state agency's purchases.

1-36 (b-2) Subsection (b-1) does not apply to:

1-37 (1) an institution of higher education as defined by  
 1-38 Section 61.003, Education Code; or

1-39 (2) the office of the governor.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 660.021, Government Code, is amended to  
 1-41 read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 660.021. RULES. (a) The comptroller shall adopt rules  
 1-43 for the effective and efficient administration of this chapter and  
 1-44 the travel provisions of the General Appropriations Act.

1-45 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the rules adopted  
 1-46 by the comptroller under this section must require that if a state  
 1-47 agency in the executive branch of state government participates in  
 1-48 a program administered by the comptroller that allows the agency to  
 1-49 use a credit or charge card to pay for travel expenses:

1-50 (1) the agency shall use the credit or charge card to  
 1-51 pay for travel expenses required for agency travel, unless the  
 1-52 comptroller determines that another method of payment is more  
 1-53 advantageous to the state; and

1-54 (2) an employee of the agency may not use the  
 1-55 employee's personal credit or charge card to pay for travel  
 1-56 expenses required for agency travel.

1-57 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to:

1-58 (1) an institution of higher education as defined by  
 1-59 Section 61.003, Education Code; or

1-60 (2) the office of the governor.

2-1 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 2171, Government Code, is  
2-2 amended by adding Section 2171.0521 to read as follows:

2-3 Sec. 2171.0521. PAYMENT FOR TRAVEL SERVICES WITH CREDIT OR  
2-4 CHARGE CARD. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), if a state  
2-5 agency in the executive branch of state government participates in  
2-6 a program administered by the comptroller that allows the agency to  
2-7 use a credit or charge card to purchase travel services:

2-8 (1) the agency shall use the credit or charge card to  
2-9 purchase travel services required for agency travel, unless the  
2-10 comptroller determines that another method of purchase is more  
2-11 advantageous to the state; and

2-12 (2) an employee of the agency may not use the  
2-13 employee's personal credit or charge card to purchase travel  
2-14 services required for agency travel.

2-15 (b) This section does not apply to:

2-16 (1) an institution of higher education as defined by  
2-17 Section 61.003, Education Code; or

2-18 (2) the office of the governor.

2-19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-23 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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