

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of food and beverages by the Texas Department of Transportation for certain employees responding to emergencies or disasters.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.711 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.711. PURCHASE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES OR DISASTERS. The department, using appropriated funds, may purchase food and beverages for a department employee who is:

(1) providing services in response to an emergency situation, an incident that endangers the health or safety of a person, or a disaster; and

(2) unable to leave or required to remain at the employee's assignment area due to the emergency situation, incident, or disaster.

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, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 537 passed the Senate on March 25, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 537 passed the House on April 18, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor