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S.B. No. 537

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the purchase of food and beverages by the Texas
3 Department of Transportation for certain employees responding to
4 emergencies or disasters.

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

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

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

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

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

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.