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H.B. No. 927

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the exclusion of certain resources in determining  
3 eligibility for financial assistance.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.032(d), Human Resources Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (d) In determining whether an applicant is eligible for  
8 assistance, the commission shall exclude from the applicant's  
9 available resources:

10 (1) \$5,000 [~~\$1,000~~] for the applicant's household,  
11 including a household in which there is a person with a disability  
12 or a person who is at least 60 years of age; and

13 (2) the fair market value of the applicant's ownership  
14 interest in one or more [~~a~~] motor vehicles:

15 (A) not to exceed \$15,000 for the first motor  
16 vehicle; and

17 (B) not to exceed \$4,650 for each additional  
18 motor vehicle [~~, but not more than \$5,000 plus or minus an amount to~~  
19 ~~be determined annually beginning on October 1, 1997, to reflect~~  
20 ~~changes in the new car component of the Consumer Price Index for All~~  
21 ~~Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics].~~

22 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to an  
23 initial determination or redetermination of eligibility of a person  
24 for financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code,

1 that is made on or after the effective date of this Act.

2           SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
3 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
4 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
5 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
6 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
7 waiver or authorization is granted.

8           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.