

1-1 By: Blanco, Powell S.B. No. 1914  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; April 1, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;  
 1-4 May 11, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0, one present not  
 1-6 voting; May 11, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1914 By: Powell

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

1-21 relating to annually adjusting for inflation the maximum amount of  
 1-22 a motor vehicle excluded in determining eligibility for the  
 1-23 supplemental nutrition assistance program.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code,  
 1-26 is amended by adding Section 33.0215 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 33.0215. ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
 1-28 VALUE EXCLUDED IN DETERMINING SNAP ELIGIBILITY. (a) The executive  
 1-29 commissioner by rule shall adjust for inflation in the manner  
 1-30 specified by Subsection (b) the maximum amount of the fair market  
 1-31 value of a motor vehicle that may be excluded from the resources of  
 1-32 an applicant's household for purposes of determining the  
 1-33 applicant's eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance  
 1-34 program benefits, including eligibility determined in accordance  
 1-35 with 7 C.F.R. Section 273.2(j).

1-36 (b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the maximum  
 1-37 amount of the fair market value of a motor vehicle described by  
 1-38 Subsection (a) that may be excluded from an applicant's resources  
 1-39 must be increased or decreased to reflect the percentage difference  
 1-40 between:

1-41 (1) the average index level set by the Bureau of Labor  
 1-42 Statistics; and

1-43 (2) the new vehicles index of the Consumer Price Index  
 1-44 for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
 1-45 or its successor index during the most recent 12-month period  
 1-46 ending in June.

1-47 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an  
 1-48 initial determination or recertification of eligibility of a person  
 1-49 for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33,  
 1-50 Human Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of  
 1-51 this Act.

1-52 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
 1-53 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
 1-54 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
 1-55 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
 1-56 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
 1-57 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-58 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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