

CHAPTER 226

H.B. No. 2220

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Agriculture to sell publications and collect publication fees.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.031 to read as follows:

*Sec. 12.031. PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICATION FEES. (a) The department may provide or sell information, including books, magazines, photographs, prints, and bulletins, to the public concerning agriculture, horticulture, or related industries.*

*(b) The department may receive royalties on department-owned materials that are sold or supplied to others by the department for publication.*

*(c) The department may enter into contractual agreements for publication of information concerning agriculture, horticulture, or related industries.*

*(d) Money received under this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the fund from which expenses for the publication were paid.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately.

SECTION 3. The importance of the legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 23, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 12, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 18, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.