

CHAPTER 164

H.B. No. 81

AN ACT

relating to the title to certain property exempt from the statewide personal property accounting system or in the possession of certain entities providing emergency medical services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 12, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 12.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.054. DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT PROPERTY. (a) This section applies only to property that is surplus or salvage property under Article 9, State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), and that is:

(1) exempt under Section 12.053 from the statewide personal property accounting system; or

(2) lawfully in the possession of an emergency medical services provider or governmental entity as those terms are defined by Section 773.003.

(b) The department may negotiate directly with an emergency medical services provider or governmental entity to transfer title to property covered by this section for which the department determines that it holds title. The department and the provider or governmental entity may mutually agree upon the value of the property and shall take any action incident to the transaction that is required by federal law.

(c) The department shall initiate necessary procedures under Article 9, State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), to dispose of surplus or salvage property for which the department does not transfer title under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this 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 March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 7, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 17, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.