

CHAPTER 250

H.B. No. 2130

AN ACT

relating to the definition of personal property owned by the state, for purposes of record keeping by state agencies under the property accounting system administered by the State Purchasing and General Services Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8.02, State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8.02. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPERTY ACCOUNTING.** (a) All state agencies shall comply with the provisions of this article and keep the property records required.

(b) All personal property owned by the state shall be accounted for by the agency that possesses the property. The commission shall by regulation define what is meant by personal property for the purposes of this article, but such definition shall not include nonconsumable personal property having a value of \$500 [~~\$250~~] or less per unit. In promulgating such regulations, the commission shall take into account the value of the property, its expected useful life, and if the cost of record keeping bears a reasonable relationship to the cost of the property on which records are kept. The commission shall consult with the state auditor in making such regulations and the auditor shall cooperate with the commission in the exercise of this rulemaking power by giving technical assistance and advice.

(c) All equipment and supplies which are purchased through a program, contract, or grant with the Texas Department of Health by or for qualified entities, including but not limited to individuals, corporations, local units of government and other state agencies and which are used to promote and maintain public health are exempt from the property accounting system prescribed by this article. The qualified entities shall maintain complete equipment and supply records. The Texas Department of Health may request the return of any usable equipment or supplies purchased with funds provided by the department upon the termination of the program, contract, or grant.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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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 April 23, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 14, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 28, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.