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H.B. No. 229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disposition of surplus motor vehicles and other law enforcement equipment by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2175, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2175.308 to read as follows:

Sec. 2175.308. EXCEPTION FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

(a) This chapter does not apply to the disposition of surplus motor vehicles and other law enforcement equipment by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas under a disposition system established under Subsection (b).

(b) To protect the safety of the residents of this state, the Public Safety Commission by rule shall establish a procedure for the disposition of surplus motor vehicles and other law enforcement equipment. The disposition system must authorize the department to directly transfer the surplus property to a municipal or county law enforcement agency at a price or for other consideration agreed to by the department and the law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2016, the Public Safety Commission shall adopt the rules required by Section 2175.308, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.