

Amend CSHB 2962 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 31.032(d), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) In determining whether an applicant is eligible for assistance, the department shall exclude from the applicant's available resources:

(1) \$1,000 for the applicant's household, including a household in which there is a person with a disability or a person who is at least 60 years of age; ~~and~~

(2) the fair market value of each motor vehicle:

(A) in which the applicant or any other person in the applicant's household has an ownership interest; and

(B) the fair market value of which is less than \$4,650;

(3) each motor vehicle that may be excluded under 7 C.F.R. Section 273.8(e)(3);

(4) the fair market value of the motor vehicle, other than a motor vehicle that is excluded, or the value of which is excluded, under Subdivision (2) or (3):

(A) in which the applicant or any other person in the applicant's household has an ownership interest; and

(B) that has the greatest fair market value as compared to each other motor vehicle in which the applicant or any other person in the applicant's household has an ownership interest; and

(5) with respect to each motor vehicle in which the applicant has an ownership interest, other than the motor vehicles that are otherwise excluded, or the values of which are otherwise excluded, under this subsection, the greater of:

(A) the difference between the fair market value of the motor vehicle and the value of the applicant's equity in the motor vehicle; or

(B) \$4,650 ~~[in a motor vehicle, but not more than the amount determined according to the following schedule:~~

~~[(A) \$4,550 on or after September 1, 1995, but before October 1, 1995,~~

~~[(B) \$4,600 on or after October 1, 1995, but before October 1, 1996,~~

~~[(C) \$5,000 on or after October 1, 1996, but before October 1, 1997, and~~

~~[(D) \$5,000 plus or minus an amount to be determined annually beginning on October 1, 1997, to reflect changes in the new car component of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics].~~

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0265 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0265. DETERMINATION OF RESOURCES: MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCES. (a) To the extent allowed by federal law and except as provided by Subsection (b), for purposes of determining whether a person meets the resource requirements for eligibility for medical assistance, the department shall exclude from the person's resources the motor vehicle allowances that would be excluded under Section 31.032(d) if the person were an applicant for financial assistance.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply in determining the eligibility of a person for medical assistance if a less restrictive provision relating to motor vehicle allowances would otherwise apply in determining the person's eligibility for a specific category of medical assistance.

SECTION _____. Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.014. DETERMINATION OF RESOURCES: MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCES. For purposes of determining whether a person meets the resource requirements for eligibility for food stamps, the department shall exclude from the person's resources the motor vehicle allowances that would be excluded under Section 31.032(d) if the person were an applicant for financial assistance.