

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 537  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 30, 2019; February 21, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
 1-4 March 6, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 6, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the purchase of food and beverages by the Texas  
 1-20 Department of Transportation for certain employees responding to  
 1-21 emergencies or disasters.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,  
 1-24 is amended by adding Section 201.711 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 201.711. PURCHASE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR CERTAIN  
 1-26 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES OR DISASTERS. The  
 1-27 department, using appropriated funds, may purchase food and  
 1-28 beverages for a department employee who is:

1-29 (1) providing services in response to an emergency  
 1-30 situation, an incident that endangers the health or safety of a  
 1-31 person, or a disaster; and

1-32 (2) unable to leave or required to remain at the  
 1-33 employee's assignment area due to the emergency situation,  
 1-34 incident, or disaster.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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