

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center
78S30573-JD-HJ

S.B. 20
By: Janek
Administration
9/23/2003
As Filed

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Since the construction of the Houston Texans' Reliant Stadium, emergency medical vehicles have had tremendous difficulty accessing the hospital during events held in and around the area. There have been several occasions when the hospital was only accessible for emergency medical transports via helicopter.

S.B. 20 will allow the Texas Medical Center to contract for two border parking lots, which will alleviate the traffic congestion. Current state law exempts the medical center's real and personal property from ad valorem taxation. As proposed, S.B. 20 allows the medical center, a nonprofit corporation, to assist the general public without jeopardizing its property tax exemption or violating any deed restrictions imposed on the land.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11.23, Tax Code, by adding Subsection (j-1), as follows:

(j-1) Medical Center Development in Populous Counties. Provides that in a county with a population of three million or more, all real and personal property owned by a nonprofit corporation, as defined in the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (Article 1396-1.01 et seq., V.T.C.S.), and held for use in the development or operation of a medical center area or areas in which the nonprofit corporation has donated land for a state medical, dental, or nursing school, and for other hospital, medical, educational, or nonprofit uses and uses reasonably related thereto, or for governmental or public purposes, including the relief of traffic congestion, and not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit, is exempt from all ad valorem taxation as though the property were, during that time, owned and held by the state for health and educational purposes. Requires that, in connection with the application or enforcement of a deed restriction or a covenant related to the property, a use or purpose described in this subsection also be considered to be a hospital, medical, or educational use, or a use that is reasonably related to a hospital, medical, or educational use.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 11.43(c), Tax Code, as amended by Chapter 407, 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.
Makes application of this Act prospective.