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AN ACT

relating to the allocation of certain community development block grant program money for the installation of street lights in colonias.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 487, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 487.354 to read as follows:

Sec. 487.354. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS IN COLONIAS. (a) In this section, "colonia" means an identifiable unincorporated community, or an identifiable community annexed by a municipality and eligible for assistance as described by Section 43.907(b), Local Government Code, that:

(1) is located within 150 miles of the international border of this state in a county that is eligible to receive financial assistance from the community development block grant colonia fund under this subchapter, as identified by office rule;

(2) is determined by the office to be a colonia on the basis of objective criteria, including lack of potable water supply, lack of adequate sewage systems, and lack of decent, safe, and sanitary housing; and

(3) was in existence and generally recognized as a colonia before November 28, 1990.

(b) The office shall adopt a rule requiring a political subdivision that receives community development block grant

1 program money targeted toward street improvement projects to
2 allocate not less than five percent but not more than 15 percent of
3 the total amount of targeted money to providing financial
4 assistance to colonias within the political subdivision to enable
5 the installation of adequate street lighting in those colonias if
6 street lighting is absent or needed.

7 SECTION 2. (a) Section 487.354, Government Code, as added
8 by this Act, applies only to an allocation of community development
9 block grant program money based on an application cycle that begins
10 on or after the effective date of this Act.

11 (b) The Office of Rural Community Affairs shall adopt the
12 rule required by Section 487.354, Government Code, as added by this
13 Act, not later than November 1, 2005.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Cindrich

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 775 was passed by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Nancy

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 775 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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