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SB 449 Reengrossed

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Present law provides for requirements for advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder for materials and supplies and exemptions of purchases paid out of public funds.

Present law further provides for an exemption for animals trained to perform special tasks, including narcotics and bomb detection, arson investigation, and rescue techniques by law enforcement or any local public safety agency for specific services.

Proposed law provides for exemptions for a political subdivision that owns or operates a railroad for the purchase of the following, whether non-new or used, and its component parts: locomotives, on-track equipment, and other rolling stock, and track maintenance equipment and its attachments.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(O))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Clarifies the exemption for purchases of equipment, whether used or non-new, related to railroads.