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S.B. No. 1076

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of an alternatively fueled vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.198(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Sections 502.058, 502.060, 502.1911, 502.192, 502.356, ~~and~~ 502.357, and 502.360 and Subchapter H, this section applies to all fees collected by a county assessor-collector under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.360 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.360. ADDITIONAL FEE FOR ALTERNATIVELY FUELED VEHICLES. (a) In this section, "alternatively fueled vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.004.

(b) In addition to other fees authorized under this chapter, at the time of application for registration or renewal of registration of an alternatively fueled vehicle, the applicant shall pay an additional fee as determined by the department under Subsection (c).

(c) The department shall, for each class of vehicle registered under this chapter:

(1) develop a methodology for determining the fee under Subsection (b) that calculates the fee based on the average

1 annual amount of taxes imposed under Chapter 162, Tax Code, that an
2 alternatively fueled vehicle of that class of vehicle would pay if
3 the vehicle operated only on gasoline or diesel fuel; and

4 (2) set the fee in an amount of not less than 75
5 percent and not more than 85 percent of the amount calculated under
6 Subdivision (1).

7 (d) The department shall review and update each fee
8 calculated under Subsection (c) at least once every five years.

9 (e) An alternatively fueled vehicle that may be registered
10 under this chapter without payment of a registration fee may be
11 registered without payment of the additional fee.

12 (f) The additional fee shall be collected for an
13 alternatively fueled vehicle when other fees imposed under this
14 chapter are collected.

15 (g) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to
16 the credit of the state highway fund.

17 (h) The board shall adopt rules necessary to administer
18 registration for an alternatively fueled vehicle under this
19 section.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.