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H.B. No. 2223

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the
3 impact of certain classifications of motor vehicle on the roads and
4 bridges of this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "department" means the
7 Texas Department of Transportation.

8 SECTION 2. STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The department, in
9 consultation with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, The
10 University of Texas Center for Transportation Research, and
11 transportation industry representatives, shall conduct a study on
12 the impact on the roads and bridges of this state by motor vehicles
13 classified as:

- 14 (1) passenger vehicles;
15 (2) commercial motor vehicles; and
16 (3) oversize or overweight vehicles.

17 (b) The study shall determine, for each classification of
18 vehicle listed in Subsection (a) of this section:

19 (1) the number of vehicles that drive on the roads and
20 bridges of this state each year;

21 (2) the number of miles driven on the roads and bridges
22 of this state each year;

23 (3) the total revenue contribution from taxes and fees
24 to the construction and maintenance of the roads and bridges of this

1 state;

2 (4) the financial impact due to costs associated with:

3 (A) construction and maintenance of the roads and
4 bridges of this state; and

5 (B) congestion on the roads and bridges of this
6 state; and

7 (5) whether and by what amount the total revenue
8 contribution determined under Subdivision (3) of this subsection
9 exceeds or falls short of the financial impact determined under
10 Subdivision (4) of this subsection.

11 (c) The study shall assess the overall economic benefits to
12 the economy of this state of:

13 (1) commercial motor vehicles; and

14 (2) oversize or overweight vehicles.

15 (d) The study shall recommend one or more changes to
16 existing tax or fee structures to ensure that vehicles of each
17 classification listed under Subsection (a) of this section
18 contribute revenue to fund the construction and maintenance of the
19 roads and bridges of this state in an amount at least equal to the
20 financial impact of the vehicles of that classification on those
21 roads and bridges. The recommendations shall include:

22 (1) specific dollar amounts for taxes and fees for
23 each classification of vehicle; and

24 (2) if applicable, new methods of structuring existing
25 sources of revenue.

26 (e) Not later than December 1, 2022, the department shall
27 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the

1 legislature a written report on the findings of the study. The
2 report must include recommendations for policy and statutory
3 changes, including any proposed legislation, that are based on the
4 results of the study.

5 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires May 1, 2023.

6 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
7 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
8 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
9 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
10 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.