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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the collection, remittance, and administration of  
3 certain taxes on motor vehicles rented through a marketplace rental  
4 provider; imposing a penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 334.105, Local Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b), if a motor  
9 vehicle subject to the tax imposed under this subchapter is rented  
10 through a marketplace rental provider, the marketplace rental  
11 provider shall collect the tax for the benefit of the municipality  
12 or county. The marketplace rental provider shall add the tax  
13 imposed under this subchapter, if applicable, and the gross rental  
14 receipts tax imposed by Chapter 152, Tax Code, to the rental charge,  
15 and the sum of the taxes is part of the rental charge, is a debt owed  
16 to the marketplace rental provider by the person renting the  
17 vehicle, and is recoverable at law in the same manner as the rental  
18 charge.

19 SECTION 2. Section 334.109, Local Government Code, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Sec. 334.109. GROSS RECEIPTS PRESUMED SUBJECT TO TAX. All  
22 gross receipts of an owner of a motor vehicle or, if the motor  
23 vehicle is rented through a marketplace rental provider, of the  
24 provider, from the rental of the motor vehicle are presumed to be

1 subject to the tax imposed by this subchapter, except for gross  
2 receipts for which the owner or marketplace rental provider has  
3 accepted in good faith a properly completed exemption certificate.

4 SECTION 3. Section 334.110(a), Local Government Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The owner of a motor vehicle used for rental purposes  
7 who is required to file a report under this subchapter or, if the  
8 motor vehicle is rented through a marketplace rental provider and  
9 the provider is required to file a report under this subchapter, the  
10 provider, shall keep for four years records and supporting  
11 documents containing the following information on the amount of:

12 (1) gross rental receipts received from the rental of  
13 the motor vehicle; and

14 (2) the tax imposed under this subchapter and paid to  
15 the municipality or county by the owner or the marketplace rental  
16 provider, as applicable, on each motor vehicle used for rental  
17 purposes by the owner.

18 SECTION 4. Section 334.111(a), Local Government Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (a) An owner of a motor vehicle required to file a report  
21 under this subchapter or, if applicable, a marketplace rental  
22 provider required to file a report under this subchapter commits an  
23 offense if the owner or provider fails to make and retain complete  
24 records for the four-year period required by Section 334.110.

25 SECTION 5. Section 334.113, Local Government Code, is  
26 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and  
27 (a-2) to read as follows:

1           (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section or another  
2 provision of this subchapter, the [~~The~~] owner of a motor vehicle  
3 required to collect the tax imposed under this subchapter shall  
4 report and pay [~~send~~] the taxes collected to the municipality or  
5 county as provided by the ordinance or order imposing the tax.

6           (a-1) Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), if a  
7 marketplace rental provider collects the tax imposed under this  
8 subchapter, the marketplace rental provider shall report and pay  
9 the taxes collected to the municipality or county as provided by the  
10 ordinance or order imposing the tax. The marketplace rental  
11 provider shall certify to the owner of a motor vehicle rented  
12 through the provider that the provider has collected, reported, and  
13 paid the tax to the municipality or county. An owner who in good  
14 faith accepts the marketplace rental provider's certification is  
15 not required to collect, report, or pay the tax to the municipality  
16 or county.

17           (a-2) The owner of a motor vehicle rented through a  
18 marketplace rental provider may elect to report and pay the tax  
19 imposed under this subchapter to the municipality or county. If the  
20 owner elects to report and pay the tax under this subsection:

21                   (1) the owner must:

22                           (A) register as required by Section [152.065](#), Tax  
23 Code; and

24                           (B) inform the marketplace rental provider in  
25 writing of the election; and

26                   (2) the marketplace rental provider shall forward the  
27 tax collected by the provider to the owner.

1 SECTION 6. Section 152.001, Tax Code, is amended by  
2 amending Subdivision (8) and adding Subdivision (21) to read as  
3 follows:

4 (8) "Gross rental receipts" means value received or  
5 promised as consideration to the owner of a motor vehicle or the  
6 marketplace rental provider for rental of the vehicle, but does not  
7 include:

8 (A) separately stated charges for insurance;

9 (B) charges for damages to the motor vehicle  
10 occurring during the rental agreement period;

11 (C) separately stated charges for motor fuel sold  
12 by the owner of the motor vehicle; or

13 (D) discounts.

14 (21) "Marketplace rental provider" means a person who:

15 (A) operates any type of marketplace, including a  
16 store with a physical location, an Internet website, a software or  
17 mobile application, or a catalog, by which the owner of a motor  
18 vehicle lists, markets, or advertises the owner's motor vehicle for  
19 rental by others for consideration in this state;

20 (B) facilitates the rental of the owner's motor  
21 vehicle by another person by communicating between the owner and  
22 the other person the terms of the agreement and the acceptance of  
23 those terms; and

24 (C) directly or indirectly collects or processes  
25 the receipts or rental charges paid by the person renting the motor  
26 vehicle for the owner of the motor vehicle.

27 SECTION 7. Section 152.045, Tax Code, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 Sec. 152.045. COLLECTION OF TAX ON GROSS RENTAL RECEIPTS.

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section or another  
4 provision of [~~inconsistent with this chapter and rules adopted~~  
5 ~~under~~] this chapter, an owner of a motor vehicle subject to the tax  
6 on gross rental receipts shall collect, report, and pay the tax to  
7 the comptroller in the same manner as the tax under Chapter 151  
8 [~~Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax~~] is collected, reported, and  
9 paid by a retailer [~~retailers~~] under that chapter [~~Chapter 151 of~~  
10 ~~this code~~].

11 (a-1) Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), if the motor  
12 vehicle is rented through a marketplace rental provider, the  
13 marketplace rental provider shall collect, report, and pay the tax  
14 on gross rental receipts to the comptroller in the manner  
15 prescribed by Subsection (a). The marketplace rental provider  
16 shall certify to the owner of a motor vehicle rented through the  
17 provider that the provider has collected, reported, and paid the  
18 tax. An owner who in good faith accepts the marketplace rental  
19 provider's certification is not required to collect, report, or pay  
20 the tax.

21 (a-2) The owner of a motor vehicle rented through a  
22 marketplace rental provider may elect to report and pay the tax on  
23 gross rental receipts to the comptroller. If the owner elects to  
24 report and pay the tax under this subsection:

25 (1) the owner must:

26 (A) register as required by Section 152.065; and

27 (B) inform the marketplace rental provider in

1 writing of the election; and

2 (2) the marketplace rental provider shall forward the  
3 tax collected by the provider to the owner.

4 (b) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to the tax on gross  
5 rental receipts or, if the motor vehicle is rented through a  
6 marketplace rental provider, the provider, shall add the tax to the  
7 rental charge, and when added, the tax is:

8 (1) a part of the rental charge;

9 (2) a debt owed to the motor vehicle owner or  
10 marketplace rental provider, as applicable, by the person renting  
11 the vehicle; and

12 (3) recoverable at law in the same manner as the rental  
13 charge.

14 (c) The comptroller may proceed against a person renting a  
15 motor vehicle, the owner of the rented motor vehicle, or the  
16 marketplace rental provider, as applicable, for any unpaid gross  
17 rental receipts tax.

18 (d) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the  
19 owner of a motor vehicle subject to the tax on gross rental receipts  
20 who is required to file a report as provided by this chapter and who  
21 fails to timely file the report shall pay a penalty of \$50. If the  
22 motor vehicle is rented through a marketplace rental provider and  
23 the provider is required to file a report under this chapter but  
24 fails to timely file the report, the provider shall pay a penalty of  
25 \$50. The penalty provided by this subsection is assessed without  
26 regard to whether the taxpayer subsequently files the report or  
27 whether any taxes were due from the taxpayer for the reporting

1 period under the required report.

2 SECTION 8. Section [152.046](#)(b), Tax Code, is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 (b) An owner of a motor vehicle on which the motor vehicle  
5 sales or use tax has been paid who subsequently uses the vehicle for  
6 rental [~~shall collect the gross rental receipts tax imposed by this~~  
7 ~~chapter from the person renting the vehicle. The owner~~] may credit  
8 an amount equal to the motor vehicle sales or use tax paid by the  
9 owner to the comptroller against the amount of gross rental  
10 receipts due from the owner. This credit is not transferable and  
11 cannot be applied against tax due and payable from the rental of  
12 another vehicle belonging to the same owner.

13 SECTION 9. Section [152.063](#)(b), Tax Code, is amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 (b) Except as otherwise provided by Section [111.0041](#):

16 (1) the [The] owner of a motor vehicle used for rental  
17 purposes shall keep for at least four years after the purchase of  
18 the [a] motor vehicle records and supporting documents containing  
19 [the following] information on the amount of:

20 (A) [(1)] total consideration for the motor  
21 vehicle; and

22 (B) [(2)] motor vehicle sales or use tax paid on  
23 the motor vehicle; and

24 (2) the owner of a motor vehicle used for rental  
25 purposes and, if the motor vehicle is rented through a marketplace  
26 rental provider, the provider, shall keep for at least four years  
27 supporting documents containing information on the amount of:

1           (A) [~~3~~] gross rental receipts received by the  
2 owner or provider, as applicable, from the rental of the motor  
3 vehicle; and

4           (B) [~~4~~] gross rental receipts tax paid to the  
5 comptroller by the owner or provider, as applicable, on each motor  
6 vehicle used for rental purposes by the owner.

7           SECTION 10. Section 152.065, Tax Code, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9           Sec. 152.065. REQUIRED PERMITS. A motor vehicle owner or a  
10 marketplace rental provider required to collect, report, and pay a  
11 tax on gross rental receipts imposed by this chapter and a seller  
12 required to collect, report, and pay a tax on a seller-financed sale  
13 shall register as a retailer with the comptroller in the same manner  
14 as is required of a retailer under Subchapter F, Chapter 151.

15           SECTION 11. Subchapter D, Chapter 152, Tax Code, is amended  
16 by adding Section 152.070 to read as follows:

17           Sec. 152.070. MARKETPLACE RENTAL PROVIDER'S REPORT. A  
18 marketplace rental provider shall send to the owner of a motor  
19 vehicle that is rented through the provider a report each month that  
20 shows the amount of tax collected, reported, and paid for each motor  
21 vehicle that the owner owns and that is rented through the provider.  
22 The provider is not required to send the report to an owner who  
23 elects to report and pay the tax under Section 152.045(a-2).

24           SECTION 12. This Act applies only to a rental agreement for  
25 the rental of a motor vehicle entered into on or after the effective  
26 date of this Act. A rental agreement for the rental of a motor  
27 vehicle entered into before the effective date of this Act is



1 governed by the law in effect on the date the rental agreement was  
2 entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for the  
3 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of  
4 the liability for those taxes.

5 SECTION 13. This Act takes effect October 1, 2021.