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S.B. No. 1463

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

18 (1) specific dollar amounts for taxes and fees for  
19 each classification of vehicle; and

20 (2) if applicable, new methods of structuring existing  
21 sources of revenue.

22 (d) Not later than November 1, 2022, the department shall  
23 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the  
24 legislature a written report on the findings of the study. The  
25 report must include recommendations for policy and statutory  
26 changes, including any proposed legislation, that are based on the  
27 results of the study.

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

2 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
3 1, 2021.