

By: King of Hemphill

H.B. No. 820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of electric and hybrid vehicles.

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 ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle that uses electricity as its only source of motor power.

(2) "Hybrid vehicle" means a motor vehicle that uses gasoline or conventional diesel fuel and electricity as its sources of motor power.

(b) In addition to other fees authorized under this chapter, at the time of application for registration or renewal of registration of an electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle, the applicant shall pay an additional fee of:

(1) \$200, if the vehicle is an electric vehicle; or

1 (2) \$100, if the vehicle is a hybrid vehicle.

2 (c) Fees collected under this section must be deposited to
3 the credit of the state highway fund, except that 10 percent of the
4 fees collected under this section must be deposited to the credit of
5 the electric vehicle battery disposal account created under
6 Subsection (d).

7 (d) The electric vehicle battery disposal account is
8 created as an account in the general revenue fund and shall be
9 administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
10 Money in the account may be used only by the Texas Commission on
11 Environmental Quality to reimburse costs incurred by this state or
12 political subdivisions of this state that are associated with the
13 disposal of electric vehicle batteries.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.