

1 AN ACT

2 relating to toll collections by a toll project entity.

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

4 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 372, Transportation Code,  
5 is amended by adding Section 372.0555 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 372.0555. NOTICE OF RETURNED PAYMENT. A toll project  
7 entity must immediately notify the holder of an electronic toll  
8 collection customer account that a payment by the credit card or  
9 debit card associated with the account was declined or could not  
10 otherwise be processed.

11 SECTION 2. Section 372.056, Transportation Code, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 372.056. INFORMATION REQUIRED ON NOTICE OR INVOICE.

14 (a) A notice or an invoice of unpaid tolls sent by a toll project  
15 entity must clearly state that the document is a bill and the  
16 recipient is expected to pay the amount indicated.

17 (b) A notice or an invoice of unpaid tolls sent by first  
18 class mail must clearly indicate on the outside of the envelope that  
19 the document enclosed is a bill and the recipient is expected to pay  
20 the amount indicated.

21 SECTION 3. Section 372.057(a), Transportation Code, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (a) An invoice or notice provided to a person by a toll  
24 project entity may be provided by:

1           (1) first class mail; [~~or~~]

2           (2) e-mail if the person has provided an e-mail  
3 address to the entity and has elected to receive notice  
4 electronically; or

5           (3) text message if the person has provided a phone  
6 number to the entity and has elected to receive notice by text  
7 message.

8           SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
9 to the collection of a toll incurred on or after the effective date  
10 of this Act. The collection of a toll incurred before the effective  
11 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before  
12 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect  
13 for that purpose.

14           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2170 was passed by the House on May 2, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2170 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor