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S.B. No. 51

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to appropriating to the Department of Public Safety of the
3 State of Texas certain surcharges collected by the department under
4 the driver responsibility program and fees collected by the Texas
5 Department of Transportation under the motor vehicle financial
6 responsibility verification program, as those programs are created
7 by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
8 Session, 2003.

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

10 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 502.1715,
11 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
12 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 (b) Prior to August 31, 2005, fees collected under this
15 subchapter shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway
16 fund. The ~~[Subject to appropriation, the]~~ money shall be used by
17 the Department of Public Safety to:

18 (1) support the Department of Public Safety's
19 reengineering of the driver's license system to provide for the
20 issuance by the Department of Public Safety of a driver's license or
21 personal identification certificate, not to include use of
22 biometric information; ~~and~~

23 (2) establish and maintain a system to support the
24 driver responsibility program under Chapter 708; and

1 (3) conduct the feasibility study authorized by
2 Section 601.450.

3 SECTION 2. The one percent of surcharges collected during
4 the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the
5 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas under Chapter 708,
6 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
7 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, that is deposited to the
8 general revenue fund and dedicated to the administration of the
9 driver responsibility program by Subsection (b), Section 780.002,
10 Health and Safety Code, as added by that bill, is appropriated to
11 the Department of Public Safety for the state fiscal biennium
12 beginning September 1, 2003, for the purposes of administering the
13 driver responsibility program operated by the department under
14 Chapter 708, Transportation Code, as added by that bill. The number
15 of full-time equivalent positions (FTE) indicated in the Department
16 of Public Safety's bill pattern is increased by 11 during the
17 biennium.

18 SECTION 3. All fees collected during the state fiscal
19 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Department of
20 Transportation under Section 502.1715, Transportation Code, as
21 added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
22 Session, 2003, are appropriated to the Department of Public Safety
23 of the State of Texas for the state fiscal biennium beginning
24 September 1, 2003, for the purpose of supporting the Department of
25 Public Safety's reengineering of the driver's license system. The
26 number of full-time equivalent positions (FTE) indicated in the
27 Department of Public Safety's bill pattern is increased by 28

1 during the biennium.

2 SECTION 4. Revenue generated under Section 502.1715,
3 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
4 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, may be used by the
5 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to make lease
6 payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program to accomplish the
7 driver's license reengineering project and the liability insurance
8 feasibility study.

9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect November 1, 2003.