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S.B. No. 51

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

10 SECTION 1. The one percent of surcharges collected during
11 the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the
12 Department of Public Safety under Chapter 708, Transportation Code,
13 as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
14 Regular Session, 2003, that is deposited to the general revenue
15 fund and dedicated to the administration of the driver
16 responsibility program by Section 780.002(b), Health and Safety
17 Code, as added by that bill, is appropriated to the Department of
18 Public Safety for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
19 2003, for the purposes of administering the driver responsibility
20 program operated by the department under Chapter 708,
21 Transportation Code, as added by that bill. The number of full-time
22 equivalent positions (FTE) indicated in the Department of Public
23 Safety's bill pattern is increased by 22 during the biennium.

24 SECTION 2. All fees collected during the state fiscal

1 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Department of
2 Transportation under Section 502.1715, Transportation Code, as
3 added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
4 Session, 2003, are appropriated to the Department of Public Safety
5 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for the
6 purpose of supporting the Department of Public Safety's
7 reengineering of the driver's license system.

8 SECTION 3. If the revenue generated under Section 502.1715,
9 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
10 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, does not fully fund the
11 driver's license reengineering project and the liability insurance
12 feasibility study as required by that bill, the Department of
13 Public Safety may use money appropriated for lease payments to the
14 Master Lease Purchase Program for any purpose necessary to
15 accomplish these projects.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect November 1, 2003.