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H.B. No. 25

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the construction, acquisition, financing, maintenance,
3 management, operation, ownership, and control of transportation
4 facilities and the progress, improvement, policing, and safety of
5 transportation in the state; making appropriations.

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

7 ARTICLE 1. TEXAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY DIVISION OF
8 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

9 SECTION 1.01. Section 361.136, Transportation Code, as
10 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
11 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
12 follows:

13 Sec. 361.136. SEVERANCE OF REAL PROPERTY. (a) If a
14 turnpike project severs an owner's real property, the department
15 shall pay:

16 (1) the value of the property acquired; and

17 (2) the damages to the remainder of the owner's
18 property caused by the severance, including damages caused by the
19 inaccessibility of one tract from the other.

20 (b) The department may negotiate for and purchase the
21 severed real property or either part of the severed real property if
22 the department and the owner agree on terms for the purchase.
23 Instead of a single fixed payment for the real property, the
24 department may agree to a payment to the owner in the form of:

1 (1) an intangible legal right to receive a percentage
2 of identified revenue attributable to the applicable segment of the
3 turnpike project; or

4 (2) an exclusive or nonexclusive right to use or
5 operate a segment or part of the turnpike project.

6 (c) A right to a payment under Subsection (b)(1) is subject
7 to any pledge of the revenue under the term of a trust agreement
8 securing bonds issued for the project.

9 SECTION 1.02. Section 361.137, Transportation Code, as
10 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
11 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
12 follows:

13 Sec. 361.137. DECLARATION OF TAKING. (a) The department
14 may file a declaration of taking with the clerk of the court:

15 (1) in which the department files a condemnation
16 petition under Chapter 21, Property Code; or

17 (2) to which the case is assigned.

18 (b) The department may file the declaration of taking
19 concurrently with or subsequent to the petition but may not file the
20 declaration after the special commissioners have made an award in
21 the condemnation proceeding.

22 (c) The department may not file a declaration of taking
23 before the completion of:

24 (1) all environmental documentation, including a
25 final environmental impact statement or a record of decision, that
26 is required by federal or state law;

27 (2) all public hearings and meetings, including those

1 held in connection with the environmental process and under
2 Sections 201.604 and 203.021, that are required by federal or state
3 law; and

4 (3) all notifications required by Section 203.022.

5 (d) The declaration of taking must include:

6 (1) a specific reference to the legislative authority
7 for the condemnation;

8 (2) a description and plot plan of the real property to
9 be condemned, including the following information if applicable:

10 (A) the municipality in which the property is
11 located;

12 (B) the street address of the property; and

13 (C) the lot and block number of the property;

14 (3) a statement of the property interest to be
15 condemned;

16 (4) the name and address of each property owner that
17 the department can obtain after reasonable investigation and a
18 description of the owner's interest in the property; and

19 (5) a statement that immediate possession of all or
20 part of the property to be condemned is necessary for the timely
21 construction of a turnpike project.

22 (d-1) A deposit to the registry of the court of an amount
23 equal to the appraised value, as determined by the department, of
24 the property to be condemned must accompany the declaration of
25 taking.

26 (e) The date on which the declaration is filed is the date of
27 taking for the purpose of assessing damages to which a property

1 owner is entitled.

2 (f) After a declaration of taking is filed, the case shall
3 proceed as any other case in eminent domain under Chapter 21,
4 Property Code.

5 SECTION 1.03. Subsection (b), Section 361.138,
6 Transportation Code, as amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588,
7 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 (b) If the condemned property is a homestead or a portion of
10 a homestead as defined by Section 41.002, Property Code, the
11 department may not take possession sooner than the 91st day after
12 the date of service under Subsection (a).

13 SECTION 1.04. Section 361.171, Transportation Code, as
14 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
15 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Sec. 361.171. TURNPIKE REVENUE BONDS. (a) The commission
18 by order may authorize the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds to pay
19 all or part of the cost of a turnpike project. Each project shall be
20 financed and built by a separate bond issue. The proceeds of a bond
21 issue may be used solely for the payment of the project for which
22 the bonds were issued and may not be divided between or among two or
23 more projects. Each project is a separate undertaking, the cost of
24 which shall be determined separately.

25 (b) As determined in the order authorizing the issuance, the
26 bonds of each issue shall:

27 (1) be dated;

1 (2) bear interest at the rate or rates provided by the
2 order and beginning on the dates provided by the order and as
3 authorized by law, or bear no interest;

4 (3) mature at the time or times provided by the order,
5 not exceeding 40 years from their date or dates; and

6 (4) be made redeemable before maturity, at the price
7 or prices and under the terms provided by the order.

8 (c) The commission may sell the bonds at public or private
9 sale in the manner and for the price it determines to be in the best
10 interest of the department.

11 (d) The proceeds of each bond issue shall be disbursed in
12 the manner and under the restrictions, if any, the commission
13 provides in the order authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in
14 the trust agreement securing the bonds.

15 (e) If the proceeds of a bond issue are less than the
16 turnpike project cost, additional bonds may be issued in the same
17 manner to pay the costs of a turnpike project. Unless otherwise
18 provided in the order authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in
19 the trust agreement securing the bonds, the additional bonds are on
20 a parity with and are payable, without preference or [~~of~~] priority,
21 from the same fund as the bonds first issued. In addition, the
22 commission may issue bonds for a turnpike project secured by a lien
23 on the revenue of the turnpike project subordinate to the lien on
24 the revenue securing other bonds issued for the turnpike project.

25 (f) If the proceeds of a bond issue exceed the cost of the
26 turnpike project for which the bonds were issued, the surplus shall
27 be segregated from the other money of the commission and used only

1 for the purposes specified in the order authorizing the issuance.

2 (g) In addition to other permitted uses, the proceeds of a
3 bond issue may be used to pay costs incurred before the issuance of
4 the bonds, including costs of environmental review, design,
5 planning, acquisition of property, relocation assistance,
6 construction, and operation.

7 (h) Bonds issued and delivered under this chapter and
8 interest coupons on the bonds are a security under Chapter 8,
9 Business & Commerce Code.

10 (i) Bonds issued under this chapter and income from the
11 bonds, including any profit made on the sale or transfer of the
12 bonds, are exempt from taxation in this state.

13 SECTION 1.05. Section 361.172, Transportation Code, as
14 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
15 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
16 follows:

17 Sec. 361.172. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW; CONFLICTS. All
18 laws affecting the issuance of bonds by governmental entities,
19 including Chapters 1201, 1202, 1204, 1207, and 1371, Government
20 Code, apply to bonds issued under this chapter. To the extent of a
21 conflict between those laws and this chapter, the provisions of
22 this chapter prevail.

23 SECTION 1.06. Subsection (a), Section 361.173,
24 Transportation Code, as amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588,
25 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted
26 and amended to read as follows:

27 (a) The principal of, interest on, and any redemption

1 premium on bonds issued by the commission under this chapter are
2 payable solely from:

3 (1) the revenue of the turnpike project for which the
4 bonds are [~~were~~] issued, including tolls pledged to pay the bonds;
5 [~~and~~]

6 (2) the proceeds of bonds issued for the turnpike
7 project;

8 (3) the amounts deposited in a debt service reserve
9 fund as required by the trust agreement securing bonds issued for
10 the turnpike project; and

11 (4) amounts received under a credit agreement relating
12 to the turnpike project for which the bonds are issued.

13 SECTION 1.07. Section 361.174, Transportation Code, as
14 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
15 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Sec. 361.174. SOURCES OF PAYMENT OF AND SECURITY FOR
18 TURNPIKE PROJECT BONDS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
19 this chapter, turnpike project bonds issued by the commission may:

20 (1) be payable from and secured by:

21 (A) payments made under an agreement with a local
22 governmental entity as provided by Subchapter A, Chapter 362;

23 (B) the proceeds of bonds issued for the turnpike
24 project; or

25 (C) amounts deposited in a debt service reserve
26 fund as required by the trust agreement securing bonds issued for
27 the turnpike project; [7] and

1 (2) [~~may~~] state on their faces any pledge of revenue or
2 taxes and any security for the bonds under the agreement.

3 SECTION 1.08. Section 361.177, Transportation Code, as
4 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
5 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 361.177. PROVISIONS PROTECTING AND ENFORCING RIGHTS
8 AND REMEDIES OF BONDHOLDERS. A trust agreement or order providing
9 for the issuance of bonds may contain provisions to protect and
10 enforce the rights and remedies of the bondholders, including:

11 (1) covenants establishing the commission's duties
12 relating to:

13 (A) the acquisition of property;

14 (B) the construction, improvement, expansion,
15 maintenance, repair, operation, and insurance of the turnpike
16 project in connection with which the bonds were authorized; and

17 (C) the custody, safeguarding, and application
18 of money;

19 (2) covenants prescribing events that constitute
20 default;

21 (3) covenants prescribing terms on which any or all of
22 the bonds become or may be declared due before maturity;

23 (4) covenants relating to the rights, powers,
24 liabilities, or duties that arise on the breach of a duty of the
25 commission; and

26 (5) provisions for the employment of consulting
27 engineers in connection with the construction or operation of the

1 turnpike project.

2 SECTION 1.09. Section 361.178, Transportation Code, as
3 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
4 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 361.178. FURNISHING OF INDEMNIFYING BONDS OR PLEDGE OF
7 SECURITIES. A bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of
8 this state and that acts as depository of the proceeds of bonds or
9 of revenue may furnish indemnifying bonds or pledge securities that
10 the department requires.

11 SECTION 1.10. Subsection (a), Section 361.179,
12 Transportation Code, as amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588,
13 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted
14 and amended to read as follows:

15 (a) The department may:

16 (1) impose tolls for the use of each turnpike project
17 and the different segments or parts [~~or sections~~] of each turnpike
18 project; and

19 (2) notwithstanding anything in Chapter 202 to the
20 contrary, contract with a person for the use of part of a turnpike
21 project or lease part of a turnpike project for a gas station,
22 garage, store, hotel, restaurant, railroad tracks, utilities, and
23 telecommunications facilities and equipment and set the terms for
24 the use or lease.

25 SECTION 1.11. Subsection (a), Section 361.185,
26 Transportation Code, as amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588,
27 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted

1 to read as follows:

2 (a) All money received under this chapter, whether as
3 proceeds from the sale of bonds or as revenue, is a trust fund to be
4 held and applied as provided by this chapter. Notwithstanding any
5 other law, including Section 9, Chapter 1123, Acts of the 75th
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, and without the prior approval
7 of the comptroller, funds held under this chapter shall be held in
8 trust by a banking institution chosen by the department or, at the
9 discretion of the department, in trust in the state treasury
10 outside the general revenue fund.

11 SECTION 1.12. Section 361.189, Transportation Code, as
12 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
13 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
14 follows:

15 Sec. 361.189. USE OF SURPLUS REVENUE. The commission by
16 order may authorize the use of surplus revenue of a turnpike project
17 to pay the costs of another turnpike project within the region. The
18 commission may in the order prescribe terms for the use of the
19 revenue, including the pledge of the revenue, but may not take an
20 action under this section that violates, impairs, or is
21 inconsistent with a bond order, trust agreement, or indenture
22 governing the use of the surplus revenue.

23 SECTION 1.13. Section 361.302, Transportation Code, as
24 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
25 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to
26 read as follows:

27 Sec. 361.302. COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS.

1 (a) Subject to Section 361.3021, the department may enter into a
2 comprehensive development agreement with a private entity to
3 construct, maintain, repair, operate, extend, or expand a turnpike
4 project.

5 (b) In this subchapter, "comprehensive development
6 agreement" means an agreement [~~with a private entity~~] that, at a
7 minimum, provides for the design and construction of a turnpike
8 project and may also provide for the financing, acquisition,
9 maintenance, or operation of a turnpike project.

10 (c) The department may negotiate provisions relating to
11 professional and consulting services provided in connection with a
12 comprehensive development agreement.

13 (d) Money disbursed by the department under a comprehensive
14 development agreement is not included in the amount:

15 (1) required to be spent in a state fiscal biennium for
16 engineering and design contracts under Section 223.041; or

17 (2) appropriated in Strategy A.1.1.
18 Plan/Design/Manage of the General Appropriations Act for that
19 biennium for the purpose of making the computation under Section
20 223.041.

21 (e) The authority to enter into comprehensive development
22 agreements provided by this section expires on August 31, 2011.

23 SECTION 1.14. Section 361.3021, Transportation Code, as
24 added by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
25 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
26 follows:

27 Sec. 361.3021. LIMITATION ON DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL

1 PARTICIPATION. The amount of money disbursed by the department
2 from the state highway fund and the Texas mobility fund during a
3 federal fiscal year to pay the costs under comprehensive
4 development agreements may not exceed 40 percent of the obligation
5 authority under the federal-aid highway program that is distributed
6 to this state for the fiscal year.

7 SECTION 1.15. Subsection (a), Section 361.303,
8 Transportation Code, as amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588,
9 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted
10 to read as follows:

11 (a) A turnpike project that is the subject of a
12 comprehensive development agreement with a private entity,
13 including the facilities acquired or constructed on the project, is
14 public property and belongs to the department.

15 SECTION 1.16. Section 361.305, Transportation Code, as
16 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
17 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 361.305. TERMS OF PRIVATE PARTICIPATION. (a) The
20 department shall negotiate the terms of private participation in a
21 turnpike project, including:

22 (1) methods to determine the applicable cost, profit,
23 and project distribution between the private equity investors and
24 the department;

25 (2) reasonable methods to determine and classify toll
26 rates;

27 (3) acceptable safety and policing standards; and

1 (4) other applicable professional, consulting,
2 construction, operation, and maintenance standards, expenses, and
3 costs.

4 (b) A comprehensive development agreement entered into
5 under Section 361.302 must include a provision authorizing the
6 department to purchase, under terms and conditions agreed to by the
7 parties, the interest of a private equity investor in a turnpike
8 agreement.

9 (c) The department may [~~only~~] enter into a comprehensive
10 development agreement under Section 361.302 with a private equity
11 investor only if the project is identified in the department's
12 unified transportation program or is located on a transportation
13 corridor identified in the statewide transportation plan.

14 SECTION 1.17. Section 361.306, Transportation Code, as
15 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
16 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
17 follows:

18 Sec. 361.306. RULES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING
19 SELECTION AND NEGOTIATING PROCESS. (a) The commission shall adopt
20 rules, procedures, and guidelines governing selection and
21 negotiations to promote fairness, obtain private participants in
22 turnpike projects, and promote confidence among those
23 participants. The rules must contain criteria relating to the
24 qualifications of the participants and the award of the contracts.

25 (b) The department shall have up-to-date procedures for
26 participation in negotiations on turnpike projects.

27 (c) The department has exclusive judgment to determine the

1 terms of an agreement.

2 (d) The department shall include the attorney general or the
3 attorney general's designated representative in a negotiation with
4 a private participant.

5 SECTION 1.18. Section 361.307, Transportation Code, as
6 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 Sec. 361.307. AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES AND OTHER
10 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. (a) The department and a private entity
11 jointly may enter into an agreement with another governmental
12 agency or entity, including a federal agency, an agency of this or
13 another state, including the United Mexican States or a state of the
14 United Mexican States, or a political subdivision, to independently
15 or jointly provide services, to study the feasibility of a turnpike
16 project, or to finance, construct, operate, and maintain a turnpike
17 project.

18 (b) The department may not enter into an agreement with the
19 United Mexican States or a state of the United Mexican States
20 without the approval of the governor.

21 SECTION 1.19. Section 361.281, Transportation Code, as
22 amended by House Bill Nos. 3184 and 3588, Acts of the 78th
23 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 361.281. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
25 applies only to:

26 (1) a county with a population of more than 1.5
27 million;

1 (2) a local government corporation serving a county
2 with a population of more than 1.5 million;

3 (3) an adjacent county in a joint turnpike authority
4 with a county with a population of more than 1.5 million;

5 (4) a municipality with a population of more than
6 170,000 that is adjacent to the United Mexican States;

7 (5) a regional tollway authority created under Chapter
8 366; or

9 (6) a regional mobility authority organized ~~created~~
10 under Chapter 370 or Section 361.003, as that section existed
11 before June 22, 2003.

12 ARTICLE 2. STATE TRAFFIC FINE AND DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY

13 PROGRAM SURCHARGES

14 SECTION 2.01. The heading to Section 542.4031,
15 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
16 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 Sec. 542.4031. STATE TRAFFIC FINE ~~[ADDITIONAL COURT COST]~~.

19 SECTION 2.02. Subsections (a) through (d) and (h), Section
20 542.4031, Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588,
21 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) In addition to the fine prescribed by Section 542.401 or
24 another section of this subtitle, as applicable ~~[other costs,~~
25 ~~including a cost under Section 542.403]~~, a person who enters a plea
26 of guilty or nolo contendere to or is convicted of an offense under
27 this subtitle shall pay \$30 as a state traffic fine ~~[court cost]~~.

1 The person shall pay the state traffic fine when the person enters
2 the person's plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or on the date of
3 conviction, whichever is earlier. The state traffic fine shall be
4 paid regardless of whether:

5 (1) a sentence is imposed on the person;

6 (2) the court defers final disposition of the person's
7 case; or

8 (3) the person is placed on community supervision,
9 including deferred adjudication community supervision.

10 (b) An officer collecting a state traffic fine [~~cost due~~]
11 under this section in a case in municipal court shall keep separate
12 records of the money collected and shall deposit the money in the
13 municipal treasury.

14 (c) An officer collecting a state traffic fine [~~cost due~~]
15 under this section in a justice, county, or district court shall
16 keep separate records of the money collected and shall deposit the
17 money in the county treasury.

18 (d) Each calendar quarter, an officer collecting a state
19 traffic fine [~~cost due~~] under this section shall submit a report to
20 the comptroller. The report must comply with Articles 103.005(c)
21 and (d), Code of Criminal Procedure. [~~If no money due as a cost~~
22 ~~under this section is collected in any quarter, the report required~~
23 ~~for that quarter shall be filed in the regular manner, and the~~
24 ~~report shall state that no money due under this section was~~
25 ~~collected.]~~

26 (h) Notwithstanding Subsection (g)(1), in any state fiscal
27 year the comptroller shall deposit 67 percent of the money [~~court~~

1 ~~costs~~] received under Subsection (e)(2) [~~that subsection~~] to the
 2 credit of the general revenue fund only until the total amount of
 3 the money [~~court costs~~] deposited to the credit of the general
 4 revenue fund under Subsection (g)(1) [~~that subsection~~] and [~~the~~
 5 ~~surcharges deposited to the credit of that fund under~~] Section
 6 780.002(b), Health and Safety Code, equals \$250 million for that
 7 year. If in any state fiscal year the amount received by the
 8 comptroller under those laws for deposit to the credit of the
 9 general revenue fund exceeds \$250 million, the comptroller shall
 10 deposit the additional amount [~~received under Subsection (g)~~] to
 11 the credit of the Texas mobility fund.

12 SECTION 2.03. Subsection (c), Section 780.002, Health and
 13 Safety Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th
 14 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

15 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), in any state fiscal
 16 year the comptroller shall deposit 49.5 percent of the surcharges
 17 collected under Chapter 708, Transportation Code, to the credit of
 18 the general revenue fund only until the total amount of the
 19 surcharges deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund
 20 under Subsection (b), and the state traffic fines [~~court costs~~]
 21 deposited to the credit of that fund under Section 542.4031(g)(1),
 22 Transportation Code, equals \$250 million for that year. If in any
 23 state fiscal year the amount received by the comptroller under
 24 those laws for deposit to the credit of the general revenue fund
 25 exceeds \$250 million, the comptroller shall deposit [~~49.5 percent~~
 26 ~~of~~] the additional amount [~~received under Subsection (a) to the~~
 27 ~~account established under this chapter and 49.5 percent of the~~

1 ~~additional amount]~~ to the credit of the Texas mobility fund.

2 SECTION 2.04. Section 708.155, Transportation Code, as
3 added by H.B. No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
4 Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 708.155. CONTRACTS FOR COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES. The
6 department may enter into a contract with a private attorney or a
7 public or private vendor for the provision of services for the
8 collection of surcharges receivable and related costs under this
9 chapter. The total amount of compensation may not exceed 30 percent
10 of the amount of the surcharges and related costs collected [~~set in~~
11 ~~Article 103.0031, Code of Criminal Procedure~~].

12 SECTION 2.05. This article takes effect September 1, 2003,
13 if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected
14 to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
15 Constitution.

16 ARTICLE 3. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

17 SECTION 3.01. Section 20.02, House Bill No. 3588, Acts of
18 the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 Sec. 20.02. (a) [~~The comptroller shall establish the Texas~~
21 ~~mobility fund debt service account as a dedicated account within~~
22 ~~the general revenue fund.~~

23 [~~(b)~~] Notwithstanding Sections 780.002(b) and (c)
24 [~~780.002(a) and (b)~~], Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act,
25 of the money allocated to the undedicated portion of the general
26 revenue fund by Section 780.002(b) [~~780.002(a)~~], Health and Safety
27 Code, as added by this Act, other than money that may only be

1 appropriated to the Department of Public Safety, in state fiscal
2 years [~~year~~] 2004 and 2005 the comptroller shall deposit that money
3 to the credit of the Texas mobility fund instead of to the credit of
4 the general revenue fund [~~debt service account, which is subject to~~
5 ~~the provisions of Subsection (d)]~~].

6 (b) [~~(c)~~] Notwithstanding Section 542.4031(g)(1),
7 Transportation Code, as added by this Act, of the money allocated to
8 the undedicated portion of the general revenue fund in Section
9 542.4031(g)(1), Transportation Code, in state fiscal years [~~year~~]
10 2004 and 2005 the comptroller shall deposit that money to the credit
11 of the Texas mobility fund instead of to the credit of the general
12 revenue fund [~~debt service account, which is subject to the~~
13 ~~provisions of Subsection (d)]~~].

14 (c) [~~(d)~~ ~~Funds deposited to the Texas mobility fund debt~~
15 ~~service account pursuant to Subsections (b) and (c) may be~~
16 ~~transferred to the Texas mobility fund upon certification by the~~
17 ~~Texas Transportation Commission to the comptroller that a payment~~
18 ~~is due under an obligation pursuant to Section 49-k, Article 3,~~
19 ~~Texas Constitution. Funds in the Texas mobility fund debt service~~
20 ~~account are not appropriated in the state fiscal year ending August~~
21 ~~31, 2004.~~

22 [~~(e)~~] Notwithstanding Sections 521.058, 521.313(c),
23 521.3466(e), 521.427, 522.029(i), 524.051(c), 548.508, 644.153(i),
24 and 724.046(c), Transportation Code, as added by this Act, to the
25 extent that those sections allocate funds to the Texas mobility
26 fund, in state fiscal years [~~year~~] 2004 and 2005 the comptroller
27 shall deposit those funds to the credit of the general revenue fund

1 instead of to the credit of the Texas mobility fund.

2 SECTION 3.02. An amount of funds estimated to be
3 \$231,700,000 deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund in
4 state fiscal year 2005 under Subsection (c), Section 20.02, House
5 Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003,
6 as amended by this Act, is appropriated out of the general revenue
7 fund for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, to
8 replace an equal amount of federal fiscal relief funds utilized to
9 certify general revenue appropriations made by House Bill No. 1,
10 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003 (the General
11 Appropriations Act). The federal fiscal relief funds so replaced
12 are appropriated to the comptroller of public accounts for the
13 state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for the purposes
14 described by Section 11.28, Article IX, House Bill No. 1, Acts of
15 the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003 (the General
16 Appropriations Act).

17 SECTION 3.03. Subsection (a), Section 11.28, Article IX,
18 House Bill No. 1, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session,
19 2003 (the General Appropriations Act), is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 (a) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, based
22 upon the passage of federal legislation that provides federal funds
23 for the purpose of state fiscal relief, such funds are
24 appropriated[~~, after the implementation of Section 11.15,~~
25 ~~Contingency Appropriation Reduction and Contingency~~
26 ~~Appropriation,~~] to the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the fiscal
27 year in which the funds are received for the purpose of transferring

1 funds to state agencies for state fiscal relief, as directed by the
2 Governor and Legislative Budget Board acting under Chapter 317,
3 Government Code, and in accordance with [~~provided by~~] subsection
4 (b) of this section.

5 ARTICLE 4. DEFERRED DISPOSITION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES

6 SECTION 4.01. Subsection (c), Article 45.051, Code of
7 Criminal Procedure, as amended by Senate Bill Nos. 631 and 1904,
8 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted
9 to read as follows:

10 (c) On determining that the defendant has complied with the
11 requirements imposed by the judge under this article, the judge
12 shall dismiss the complaint, and it shall be clearly noted in the
13 docket that the complaint is dismissed and that there is not a final
14 conviction. If the complaint is dismissed, a special expense not
15 to exceed the amount of the fine assessed may be imposed.

16 SECTION 4.02. Subsections (e) and (l)-(t), Article 45.0511,
17 Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by Senate Bill Nos. 631 and
18 1904, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are
19 reenacted to read as follows:

20 (e) A request to take a driving safety course or motorcycle
21 operator training course made at or before the time and at the place
22 at which a defendant is required to appear in court is an appearance
23 in compliance with the defendant's promise to appear.

24 (1) When a defendant complies with Subsection (c), the court
25 shall:

- 26 (1) remove the judgment and dismiss the charge;
27 (2) report the fact that the defendant successfully

1 completed a driving safety course or a motorcycle operator training
2 course and the date of completion to the Texas Department of Public
3 Safety for inclusion in the person's driving record; and

4 (3) state in that report whether the course was taken
5 under this article to provide information necessary to determine
6 eligibility to take a subsequent course under Subsection (b).

7 (m) The court may dismiss only one charge for each
8 completion of a course.

9 (n) A charge that is dismissed under this article may not be
10 part of a person's driving record or used for any purpose.

11 (o) An insurer delivering or issuing for delivery a motor
12 vehicle insurance policy in this state may not cancel or increase
13 the premium charged an insured under the policy because the insured
14 completed a driving safety course or a motorcycle operator training
15 course, or had a charge dismissed under this article.

16 (p) The court shall advise a defendant charged with a
17 misdemeanor under Section 472.022, Transportation Code, Subtitle
18 C, Title 7, Transportation Code, or Section 729.001(a)(3),
19 Transportation Code, committed while operating a motor vehicle of
20 the defendant's right under this article to successfully complete a
21 driving safety course or, if the offense was committed while
22 operating a motorcycle, a motorcycle operator training course. The
23 right to complete a course does not apply to a defendant charged
24 with:

25 (1) a violation of Section 545.066, 550.022, or
26 550.023, Transportation Code;

27 (2) a serious traffic violation; or

1 (3) an offense to which Section 542.404 or 729.004(b),
2 Transportation Code, applies.

3 (q) A notice to appear issued for an offense to which this
4 article applies must inform a defendant charged with an offense
5 under Section 472.022, Transportation Code, an offense under
6 Subtitle C, Title 7, Transportation Code, or an offense under
7 Section 729.001(a)(3), Transportation Code, committed while
8 operating a motor vehicle of the defendant's right to complete a
9 driving safety course or, if the offense was committed while
10 operating a motorcycle, of the defendant's right to complete a
11 motorcycle operator training course. The notice required by this
12 subsection must read substantially as follows:

13 "You may be able to require that this charge be dismissed by
14 successfully completing a driving safety course or a motorcycle
15 operator training course. You will lose that right if, on or before
16 your appearance date, you do not provide the court with notice of
17 your request to take the course."

18 (r) If the notice required by Subsection (q) is not provided
19 to the defendant charged with the offense, the defendant may
20 continue to exercise the defendant's right to take a driving safety
21 course or a motorcycle operator training course until the notice
22 required by Subsection (q) is provided to the defendant or there is
23 a final disposition of the case.

24 (s) This article does not apply to an offense committed by a
25 person who holds a commercial driver's license.

26 (t) An order of deferral under Subsection (c) terminates any
27 liability under a bail bond or appearance bond given for the charge.

1 SECTION 4.03. Subsection (c-1), Article 45.051, Code of
2 Criminal Procedure, as added by S.B. No. 1904, Acts of the 78th
3 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is repealed.

4 SECTION 4.04. This article takes effect September 1, 2003,
5 if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected
6 to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
7 Constitution.

8 ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9 SECTION 5.01. (a) Section 91.071, Transportation Code, as
10 added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
11 Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 91.071. [~~PERMISSIBLE SOURCES OF~~] FUNDING. (a) Except
13 as provided in Subsection (b), the [~~The~~] department may use any
14 available funds to implement this chapter [~~legally permissible~~
15 ~~source of funding in acquiring, constructing, maintaining, and~~
16 ~~operating a rail facility or system~~], including funds [+

17 [~~(1) appropriations from the state highway fund that~~
18 ~~are not dedicated for another purpose by Section 7-a or 7-b, Article~~
19 ~~VIII, Texas Constitution,~~

20 [~~(2) proceeds from bonds secured by the Texas Mobility~~
21 ~~Fund,~~

22 [~~(3) donations, whether in kind or in cash, and~~

23 [~~(4) loans~~] from the state infrastructure bank.

24 (b) Each fiscal year, the total amount disbursed by the
25 department from the state highway fund to implement this chapter
26 may [~~out of federal and state funds shall~~] not exceed \$12.5 million.

27 This subsection does not apply to:

1 (1) ~~[disbursements for the acquisition or~~
2 ~~construction of rail lines on the Trans-Texas Corridor;~~

3 ~~[(2)]~~ the acquisition of abandoned rail facilities
4 described in Section 91.007;

5 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ funding derived from the issuance of bonds,
6 private investment, and donations;

7 (3) federal funds ~~[, and grants or loans]~~ from the
8 Federal Railroad Administration, from the ~~[or]~~ Federal Transit
9 Administration, or authorized and appropriated by the United States
10 Congress for a specific project; ~~[and]~~

11 (4) grants awarded by the governor from the Texas
12 Enterprise Fund; and

13 (5) grading and bed preparation.

14 (b) The Texas Transportation Commission shall propose rules
15 governing the disbursement of funds for the acquisition of
16 abandoned rail facilities described in Section 91.007,
17 Transportation Code. The rules shall prescribe criteria for the
18 Texas Department of Transportation's acquisition of abandoned rail
19 facilities. In establishing criteria, the Texas Transportation
20 Commission shall consider the local and regional economic benefit
21 realized from the disbursement of funds in comparison to the amount
22 of the disbursement.

23 (c) If this Act receives the vote necessary for immediate
24 effect, the Texas Transportation Commission shall propose the rules
25 required by Subsection (b) of this section not later than September
26 30, 2003. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
27 immediate effect, the Texas Transportation Commission shall

1 propose the rules required by Subsection (b) of this section not
2 later than December 1, 2003.

3 SECTION 5.02. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation
4 Code, is amended by adding Section 201.616 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 201.616. ANNUAL REPORT TO LEGISLATURE ON CERTAIN
6 MATTERS. (a) Not later than December 1 of each year, the
7 department shall submit a report to the legislature that details:

8 (1) the expenditures made by the department in the
9 preceding state fiscal year in connection with:

10 (A) the unified transportation program of the
11 department;

12 (B) turnpike projects and toll roads of the
13 department;

14 (C) the Trans-Texas Corridor;

15 (D) rail facilities described in Chapter 91; and

16 (E) non-highway facilities on the Trans-Texas
17 Corridor if those expenditures are subject to Section 227.062(c);

18 (2) the amount of bonds or other public securities
19 issued for transportation projects; and

20 (3) the direction of money by the department to a
21 regional mobility authority in this state.

22 (b) The report must break down information under Subsection
23 (a)(1)(A) by program category and department district. The report
24 must break down information under Subsections (a)(1)(B), (C), (D),
25 and (E) and Subsection (a)(3) by department district. The report
26 must break down information under Subsection (a)(2) by department
27 district and type of project.

1 (c) The report may be submitted in an electronic format.

2 SECTION 5.03. Section 227.014(a), Transportation Code, as
3 added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
4 Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

5 (a) If the commission determines that the mobility needs of
6 this state would be most efficiently and economically met by
7 jointly operating two or more facilities as one operational and
8 financial enterprise, it may create a system composed of those
9 facilities. The commission may create more than one system and may
10 combine two or more systems into one system. The commission may
11 finance, construct, and operate [~~an~~] additional facilities
12 [~~facility~~] as an expansion of a system if the commission determines
13 that the facilities [~~facility~~] would most efficiently and
14 economically be constructed and operated if [~~it were a~~] part of the
15 system and that the addition will benefit the system. A system may
16 only include facilities included in a comprehensive transportation
17 corridor developed under a comprehensive development agreement, or
18 facilities located wholly or partly within the territory of[+]

19 [~~1~~] a metropolitan planning organization[+] or

20 [~~2~~] two adjacent department districts. This section
21 does not prohibit the department from creating a system that
22 includes a facility that will extend continuously through the
23 territory of two or more metropolitan planning organizations or
24 more than two adjacent department districts.

25 SECTION 5.04. Section 227.023(c), Transportation Code, as
26 added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
27 Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1 (c) To the extent and in the manner that the department may
2 enter into comprehensive development agreements under Chapter 361
3 with regard to turnpikes, the department may enter into a
4 comprehensive development agreement [~~agreements~~] under this
5 chapter that provides for the financing, development, design,
6 construction, or operation of a facility or a combination of [~~with~~
7 ~~regard to~~] facilities on the Trans-Texas Corridor. All provisions
8 of Chapter 361 relating to comprehensive development agreements for
9 turnpikes apply to comprehensive development agreements for
10 facilities under this chapter, including provisions relating to the
11 confidentiality of information. Claims arising under a
12 comprehensive development agreement are subject to Section
13 201.112.

14 SECTION 5.05. Subsection (c), Section 284.061,
15 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

16 (c) Except as provided by Section 361.1375, if applicable,
17 the [~~The~~] county is entitled to immediate possession of property
18 subject to a condemnation proceeding brought by the county after:

19 (1) a tender of a bond or other security in an amount
20 sufficient to secure the owner for damages; and

21 (2) the approval of the bond or security by the court.

22 SECTION 5.06. Subchapter D, Chapter 361, Transportation
23 Code, is amended by adding Section 361.1375 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 361.1375. DECLARATION OF TAKING BY CERTAIN COUNTIES.

25 (a) This section applies only to a county with a population of 3.3
26 million or more that operates under Chapter 284.

27 (b) If, in connection with projects under Chapter 284, the

1 director authorizes the county to proceed in the manner provided by
2 Section 361.137:

3 (1) the county may file a declaration of taking and
4 proceed in the manner provided by Section 361.137 on any project of
5 the county under Chapter 284; and

6 (2) a reference to the department in Section 361.137
7 means the county.

8 SECTION 5.07. Subdivision (1), Section 370.003,
9 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
10 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 (1) "Authority" means a regional mobility authority
13 organized under this chapter or under Section 361.003, as that
14 section existed before June 22 [~~September 1~~], 2003.

15 SECTION 5.08. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 502.1715,
16 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
17 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are amended to read as
18 follows:

19 (a) In addition to other fees imposed for registration of a
20 motor vehicle, at the time of application for registration or
21 renewal of registration of a motor vehicle for which the owner is
22 required to submit evidence of financial responsibility under
23 Section 502.153, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$1. In addition
24 to other fees imposed for registration of a motor vehicle, at the
25 time of application for registration of a motor vehicle that is
26 subject to Section 501.0234, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$1.

27 (b) Prior to August 31, 2005, fees collected under this

1 subchapter shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway
2 fund. The [~~Subject to appropriation, the~~] money shall be used by
3 the Department of Public Safety to:

4 (1) support the Department of Public Safety's
5 reengineering of the driver's license system to provide for the
6 issuance by the Department of Public Safety of a driver's license or
7 personal identification certificate, not to include use of
8 biometric information; [~~and~~]

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

11 (3) conduct the feasibility study authorized by
12 Section 601.450.

13 SECTION 5.09. Subsection (f), Section 504.202,
14 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 2971, Acts of the
15 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 (f) The fee for the first set of license plates is \$3. There
18 is no [~~The~~] fee for each additional set of license plates [~~is \$15~~].
19 If a license plate is lost, stolen, or mutilated, on payment of a \$1
20 fee the department shall issue a set of replacement plates.

21 SECTION 5.10. (a) The one percent of surcharges collected
22 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by
23 the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas under Chapter
24 708, Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of
25 the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, that is deposited to
26 the general revenue fund and dedicated to the administration of the
27 driver responsibility program by Subsection (b), Section 780.002,

1 Health and Safety Code, as added by that bill, is appropriated to
2 the Department of Public Safety for the state fiscal biennium
3 beginning September 1, 2003, for the purposes of administering the
4 driver responsibility program operated by the department under
5 Chapter 708, Transportation Code, as added by that bill. The number
6 of full-time equivalent positions (FTE) indicated in the Department
7 of Public Safety's bill pattern is increased by 11 during the
8 biennium.

9 (b) All fees collected during the state fiscal biennium
10 beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Department of
11 Transportation under Section 502.1715, Transportation Code, as
12 added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
13 Session, 2003, are appropriated to the Department of Public Safety
14 of the State of Texas for the state fiscal biennium beginning
15 September 1, 2003, for the purpose of supporting the Department of
16 Public Safety's reengineering of the driver's license system. The
17 number of full-time equivalent positions (FTE) indicated in the
18 Department of Public Safety's bill pattern is increased by 28
19 during the biennium.

20 (c) Revenue generated under Section 502.1715,
21 Transportation Code, as added by House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
22 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, may be used by the
23 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to make lease
24 payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program to accomplish the
25 driver's license reengineering project and the liability insurance
26 feasibility study.

27 SECTION 5.11. Section 6.09 of this article takes effect

1 September 1, 2003, if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all
2 the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39,
3 Article III, Texas Constitution.

4 ARTICLE 6. REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE; TRANSITION

5 SECTION 6.01. Sections 361.181, 361.182, and 361.184,
6 Transportation Code, and Section 361.3025, Transportation Code, as
7 added by Section 61, House Bill No. 3184, Acts of the 78th
8 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are repealed.

9 SECTION 6.02. (a) The following laws are repealed:

10 (1) Subsection (c), Section 521.427, Transportation
11 Code, as added by Section 11.04, House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the
12 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003; and

13 (2) Section 542.4031(j), Transportation Code, as
14 added by Section 12.01, House Bill No. 3588, Acts of the 78th
15 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

16 (b) This section takes effect September 1, 2003, if this Act
17 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
18 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.

19 SECTION 6.03. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this Act,
20 this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of
21 two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by
22 Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.

23 (b) If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
24 effect as provided by Subsection (a) of this section, this Act takes
25 effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative
26 session.