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H.B. No. 524

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry operated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 342, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. GALVESTON-PORT BOLIVAR FERRY

Sec. 342.501. FERRY VEHICLE STICKER. (a) An owner of a motor vehicle registered under Chapter 502 may apply to the department for issuance of a sticker for the vehicle that entitles the vehicle to have priority in boarding the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry operated by the department.

(b) The department shall:

(1) design the sticker; and

(2) designate the place where a sticker must be affixed to the windshield of the motor vehicle for which it is issued.

Sec. 342.502. FEE. (a) The annual fee for a ferry vehicle sticker under this subchapter is:

(1) \$50, if the vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, as defined by Section 502.001; or

(2) \$30, if the vehicle is a vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle.

(b) The department shall deposit each fee collected under

1 Subsection (a) to the credit of the state highway fund.

2 Sec. 342.503. RULES AND FORMS. (a) The department may  
3 adopt rules to administer this subchapter.

4 (b) The department shall prescribe forms necessary for the  
5 administration of this subchapter.

6 (c) The department shall adopt rules to ensure that a  
7 vehicle displaying a sticker issued under Section 342.501 is given  
8 priority in boarding the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry only until  
9 the ferry reaches 50 percent of its vehicle capacity.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.