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H.B. No. 1340

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring a governmental entity that operates a toll
3 highway or toll road in this state to permit the use of a
4 transponder issued by another governmental entity to pay a toll for
5 the use of the toll road or turnpike project.

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

7 SECTION 1. Chapter 362, Transportation Code, is amended by
8 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

9 SUBCHAPTER D. TRANSPONDER SYSTEMS ON TURNPIKE PROJECTS, TOLL
10 HIGHWAYS, AND TOLL ROADS

11 Sec. 362.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

12 (1) "Governmental entity" means a public entity that
13 is authorized to operate a toll highway or toll road in this state.
14 The term includes a municipality, county, district, regional
15 mobility authority, turnpike authority, and the Texas Department of
16 Transportation.

17 (2) "Transponder" has the meaning assigned by Section
18 361.255, Transportation Code.

19 Sec. 362.152. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies to
20 any governmental entity that operates a toll highway or toll road
21 project in this state.

22 Sec. 362.153. USE OF TRANSPONDER. Each governmental entity
23 that operates a turnpike project or a toll highway or toll road in
24 this state and issues or provides for the issuance of transponders

1 for the payment of the proper toll at a toll collection facility
2 shall permit a person to use a transponder that is issued by another
3 governmental entity to pay the proper toll at the toll collection
4 facility.

5 Sec. 362.154. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. A governmental entity
6 may impose a reasonable administrative fee for each transaction in
7 which a person uses a transponder issued by another governmental
8 entity to pay the proper toll.

9 Sec. 362.155. RULES. The commission shall adopt and
10 enforce rules to implement and administer this subchapter.

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