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H.B. No. 1507

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a motor vehicle registration fee to support trauma  
3 centers to be collected when a motor vehicle is registered.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 502.1711 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 502.1711. ADDITIONAL FEE FOR TRAUMA CENTERS. (a) In  
8 addition to the registration fee for registration of a motor  
9 vehicle under this chapter, a fee of \$5 shall be collected.

10 (b) On the first Monday of each month, the county  
11 assessor-collector shall send the fee collected under Subsection  
12 (a) to the comptroller for deposit in the tertiary care account  
13 under Section 46.003, Health and Safety Code.

14 (c) The county assessor-collector may retain an amount  
15 equal to not more than 10 percent of each fee collected under  
16 Subsection (a). The assessor-collector shall deposit any amount  
17 retained under this subsection in the county treasury to the credit  
18 of the general fund and shall petition the commissioners court for  
19 the amount necessary to administer this section. The commissioners  
20 court may allocate money deposited in the county treasury under  
21 this subsection that is not allocated to the assessor-collector to  
22 administer this section for general purposes of the county.

23 SECTION 2. Section 502.102(a), Transportation Code, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1           (a) Except as provided by Sections 502.103, ~~[and]~~ 502.104,  
2 and 502.1711, this section applies to all fees collected by a county  
3 assessor-collector under this chapter.

4           SECTION 3. The tertiary care account under Section 46.003,  
5 Health and Safety Code, is re-created as a dedicated account in the  
6 general revenue fund.

7           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2004, and  
8 applies only to the registration of a motor vehicle that is applied  
9 for on or after that date, but only if the constitutional amendment  
10 proposed by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003,  
11 authorizing the use of motor vehicle registration fees to support  
12 trauma centers is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not  
13 approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.