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H.B. No. 1732

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of toll projects by military vehicles; creating an offense.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 362.901. FREE USE OF TOLL PROJECT BY MILITARY VEHICLES. (a) The commission and the governing body of each local governmental entity or private entity that operates a toll project shall adopt rules to allow a military vehicle to use toll projects without payment of a toll or fare.

(b) A rule adopted under this section must:

(1) allow a convoy of military vehicles of this state, another state, or the United States to use the toll project without payment of a toll or fare; and

(2) allow individual military vehicles and personnel to use the toll project without payment of a toll or fare, to the greatest extent practicable, considering the technological and personnel limitations of operating the toll project.

(c) A person who claims a privilege under a rule adopted under this section to which the person is not entitled commits an offense. An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

(d) In this section, "toll project" includes a toll road,

1 toll highway, turnpike, toll bridge, ferry, or similar project,
2 users of which are required to pay a toll or fare.

3 SECTION 2. Section 431.087, Government Code, is repealed.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.