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S.B. No. 249

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. Subchapter A, Chapter 342, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 342.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 342.004. GALVESTON-PORT BOLIVAR FERRY VEHICLE STICKER. (a) The department may adopt rules to establish a system under which 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) Any rules adopted under this section must:

(1) establish a design for the sticker;

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

(3) establish an annual fee for a ferry vehicle sticker;

(4) prescribe forms necessary for the administration of this section; and

(5) ensure that a vehicle displaying a sticker issued under this section is given priority in boarding the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry only until the ferry reaches 50 percent of its vehicle

1 capacity.

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