

AN ACT

relating to the use of the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry and the Port Aransas 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 AND PORT ARANSAS FERRY VEHICLE STICKERS. (a) The department may adopt rules to establish a system under which an owner of a motor vehicle may apply to the department for issuance of:

(1) a sticker for the vehicle that entitles the vehicle to have priority in boarding the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry operated by the department; or

(2) a sticker for the vehicle that entitles the vehicle to have priority in boarding the Port Aransas ferry operated by the department.

(b) Any rules adopted under this section must:

(1) establish a design for the sticker for each ferry;
(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

1 of this section; and

2 (5) ensure that a vehicle displaying a sticker issued
3 under this section is given priority in boarding the applicable
4 ferry only until the ferry reaches 50 percent of its vehicle
5 capacity.

6 (c) The department shall deposit each fee collected under
7 this section to the credit of the state highway fund.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 249 passed the Senate on April 16, 2003, by a viva-voce vote; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 20, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 249 passed the House, with amendments, on May 6, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor