

1-1 By: Janek S.B. No. 249  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 249 By: Ellis

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the use of the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry operated by  
1-11 the Texas Department of Transportation.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 342, Transportation Code,  
1-14 is amended by adding Section 342.004 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 342.004. GALVESTON-PORT BOLIVAR FERRY VEHICLE  
1-16 STICKER. (a) The department may adopt rules to establish a system  
1-17 under which an owner of a motor vehicle registered under Chapter 502  
1-18 may apply to the department for issuance of a sticker for the  
1-19 vehicle that entitles the vehicle to have priority in boarding the  
1-20 Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry operated by the department.

1-21 (b) Any rules adopted under this section must:

1-22 (1) establish a design for the sticker;

1-23 (2) designate the place where a sticker must be  
1-24 affixed to the windshield of the motor vehicle for which it is  
1-25 issued;

1-26 (3) establish an annual fee for a ferry vehicle  
1-27 sticker;

1-28 (4) prescribe forms necessary for the administration  
1-29 of this section; and

1-30 (5) ensure that a vehicle displaying a sticker issued  
1-31 under this section is given priority in boarding the Galveston-Port  
1-32 Bolivar ferry only until the ferry reaches 50 percent of its vehicle  
1-33 capacity.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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