

Amend CSHB 2702 by adding the following appropriately numbered sections to the bill and renumbering the remaining sections of the bill appropriately:

SECTION _____. The heading to Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 4413(37). AUTOMOBILE BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

SECTION _____. Section 1, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. DEFINITIONS. In this article:

(1) "Authority" means the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

(2) "Economic automobile theft" means automobile burglary or theft committed for financial gain.

(3) "Department" means the Texas Department of Transportation.

(4) "Director" means the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION _____. Section 2, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTHORITY. The Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority is established in the Texas Department of Transportation. The authority is not an advisory body to the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION _____. Subsection (d), Section 6A, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Determinations made under this section shall be performed in accordance with procedures set forth in rules adopted by the authority [~~Automobile Theft Prevention Authority~~]. The question of eligibility for a refund is not a contested case within the meaning of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 2001, Government Code).

SECTION _____. Subsection (b), Section 7, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The plan of operation must include:

(1) an assessment of the scope of the problems of automobile burglary or theft and economic automobile theft,

including particular areas of the state where the problems are greatest;

(2) an analysis of various methods of combating the problems of automobile burglary or theft and economic automobile theft;

(3) a plan for providing financial support to combat automobile burglary or theft and economic automobile theft; and

(4) an estimate of the funds required to implement the plan of operation.

SECTION _____. Subsection (a), Section 8, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Money appropriated to the department for authority purposes shall be used by the authority to pay the department for administrative costs and to achieve the purposes of this article, including:

(1) establishing and funding the automobile registration program required by Section 9 of this article;

(2) providing financial support to law enforcement agencies for economic automobile theft enforcement teams;

(3) providing financial support to law enforcement agencies, local prosecutors, judicial agencies, and neighborhood, community, business, and nonprofit organizations for programs designed to reduce the incidence of economic automobile theft;

(4) conducting educational programs designed to inform automobile owners of methods of preventing automobile burglary or theft;

(5) providing equipment, for experimental purposes, to assist automobile owners in preventing automobile burglary or theft; and

(6) establishing a uniform program to prevent stolen motor vehicles from entering Mexico.

SECTION _____. Subsection (a), Section 11, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "automobile theft rate" means the ratio of automobile burglaries or thefts in this state to the number of automobiles in this state. The ratio shall be based on statistical information provided by the Department of Public Safety's uniform

crime reporting division.