

Amend CSSB 1863 by adding the following appropriately numbered article to the bill and renumbering subsequent articles accordingly:

ARTICLE \_\_. USE OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC PENALTIES

SECTION \_\_.01. Subchapter D, Chapter 542, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 542.405 to read as follows:

Sec. 542.405. USE OF REVENUE FROM CERTAIN TRAFFIC PENALTIES.

(a) In this section, "photographic traffic signal enforcement system" means a system that:

(1) consists of a camera system and vehicle sensor installed to exclusively work in conjunction with an electrically operated traffic-control signal;

(2) is capable of producing one or more recorded photographic or digital images that depict the license plate attached to the front or rear of a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with the instructions of the traffic-control signal; and

(3) is designed to enforce compliance with the instructions of the traffic-control signal by imposition of a civil or administrative penalty against the owner of the motor vehicle.

(b) This section applies only to a civil or administrative penalty imposed on the owner of a motor vehicle by a local authority that operates or contracts for the operation of a photographic traffic signal enforcement system with respect to a highway under its jurisdiction or that operates or contracts for the operation of any other type of electronic traffic law enforcement system consisting of a camera system that automatically produces one or more recorded photographs or digital images of the license plate on a motor vehicle or the operator of a motor vehicle.

(c) Of the gross amount received by a local authority from the imposition of a civil or administrative penalty against the owner of a motor vehicle, the local authority may retain \$1 and shall remit the remainder to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the general revenue fund. Money deposited under this subsection may be used only to finance studies relating to improvement of the state transportation system.

SECTION \_\_.02. Section 542.405, Transportation Code, as

added by this article, applies to revenue received by a local authority unit of this state from the imposition of a civil or administrative penalty on or after the effective date of this article, regardless of whether the penalty was imposed before, on, or after the effective date of this article.