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H.B. No. 1260

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring the Texas Department of Transportation, for  
3 the purpose of determining the appropriate registration fee, to  
4 collect, use, and distribute information relating to the weights  
5 and carrying capacities of pickup trucks offered for sale in this  
6 state.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

8 SECTION 1. Section 502.055, Transportation Code, is amended  
9 by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

10 (c) For the purpose of determining the weights and carrying  
11 capacities of pickup trucks to be registered in this state, the  
12 department shall regularly request, collect, assemble, and use  
13 weight and carrying capacity information from the manufacturers and  
14 distributors of all pickup trucks that are sold or offered for sale  
15 in the United States. The department shall review its  
16 determinations of the weights and carrying capacities of pickup  
17 trucks based on information collected and assembled under this  
18 subsection not later than January 1 of each even-numbered year.

19 (d) If the department distributes to county  
20 assessor-collectors a manual that contains the department's  
21 determinations under Subsection (a) of the weights of pickup  
22 trucks, the department shall update the manual after each new  
23 determination made under this section.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.