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H.B. No. 2650

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to local government participation in the financing of  
turnpike projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 361, Transportation Code,  
is amended by adding Section 361.308 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.308. AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. (a) In  
this section, "local government" means a:

(1) county, municipality, special district, or other  
political subdivision of this state;

(2) local government corporation created under  
Subchapter D, Chapter 431; or

(3) combination of two or more entities described by  
Subdivision (1) or (2).

(b) A local government may enter into an agreement with the  
department or a private entity under which the local government  
assists in the financing of the construction, maintenance, and  
operation of a turnpike project located in the government's  
jurisdiction in return for a percentage of the revenue from the  
project.

(c) A local government may use any revenue available for  
road purposes, including bond and tax proceeds to provide financing  
under Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 370, Transportation Code,

1 is amended by adding Section 370.317 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 370.317. AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. (a) In  
3 this section, "local government" means a:

4 (1) county, municipality, special district, or other  
5 political subdivision of this state;

6 (2) local government corporation created under  
7 Subchapter D, Chapter 431; or

8 (3) combination of two or more entities described by  
9 Subdivision (1) or (2).

10 (b) A local government may enter into an agreement with an  
11 authority or a private entity under which the local government  
12 assists in the financing of the construction, maintenance, and  
13 operation of a turnpike project located in the government's  
14 jurisdiction in return for a percentage of the revenue from the  
15 project.

16 (c) A local government may use any revenue available for  
17 road purposes, including bond and tax proceeds to provide financing  
18 under Subsection (b).

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.