

AN ACT

relating to certain exceptions to the requirement that the operator of a motor vehicle operated on a turnpike project pay the proper toll or the full amount of the toll.

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

SECTION 1. Section 361.252, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the ~~[The]~~ operator of a vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle, that is driven or towed through a toll collection facility shall pay the proper toll.

(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department may waive the requirement of the payment of a toll or may authorize the payment of a reduced toll for any vehicle or class of vehicles.

SECTION 2. Section 370.177, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the ~~[The]~~ operator of a vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle as defined by Section 541.201, that is driven or towed through a toll collection facility of a turnpike project shall pay the proper toll. The operator of a vehicle who drives or tows a vehicle through a toll collection facility and does not pay the proper toll

1 commits an offense. An offense under this subsection is a
2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250.

3 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the board may waive
4 the requirement of the payment of a toll or may authorize the
5 payment of a reduced toll for any vehicle or class of vehicles.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 129 passed the Senate on
March 31, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 129 passed the House on
April 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor