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H.B. No. 937

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 937:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from the payment of a toll for an authorized emergency vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 228.054(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), 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. The exemption from payment of a toll for an authorized emergency vehicle applies regardless of whether the vehicle is:

(1) responding to an emergency;

(2) displaying a flashing light; or

(3) marked as an emergency vehicle or unmarked.

SECTION 2. Section 284.070, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) An authorized emergency vehicle is exempt from payment of a toll imposed under this chapter regardless of whether the vehicle is:

(1) responding to an emergency;

(2) displaying a flashing light; or

(3) marked as an emergency vehicle or unmarked.

SECTION 3. Section 366.178(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (a) A motor vehicle other than a police or emergency vehicle  
2 that passes through a toll collection facility, whether driven or  
3 towed, shall pay the proper toll. The exemption from payment of a  
4 toll for a police or emergency vehicle applies regardless of  
5 whether the vehicle is:

6 (1) responding to an emergency;

7 (2) displaying a flashing light; or

8 (3) marked as a police or emergency vehicle or  
9 unmarked.

10 SECTION 4. Section 370.177(a), Transportation Code, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the operator of  
13 a vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle as defined by  
14 Section 541.201, that is driven or towed through a toll collection  
15 facility of a turnpike project shall pay the proper toll. The  
16 operator of a vehicle who drives or tows a vehicle through a toll  
17 collection facility and does not pay the proper toll commits an  
18 offense. An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor  
19 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. The exemption from payment  
20 of a toll for an authorized emergency vehicle applies regardless of  
21 whether the vehicle is:

22 (1) responding to an emergency;

23 (2) displaying a flashing light; or

24 (3) marked as an emergency vehicle or unmarked.

25 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.