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H.B. No. 937

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an exemption from the payment of a toll for an
3 authorized emergency vehicle.

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

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

7 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the operator of a
8 vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle, that is driven
9 or towed through a toll collection facility shall pay the proper
10 toll. The exemption from payment of a toll for an authorized
11 emergency vehicle applies regardless of whether the vehicle is
12 responding to an emergency or displaying a flashing light.

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

15 (e) An authorized emergency vehicle is exempt from payment
16 of a toll imposed under this chapter regardless of whether the
17 vehicle is responding to an emergency or displaying a flashing
18 light.

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

21 (a) A motor vehicle other than a police or emergency vehicle
22 that passes through a toll collection facility, whether driven or
23 towed, shall pay the proper toll. The exemption from payment of a
24 toll for a police or emergency vehicle applies regardless of

1 whether the vehicle is responding to an emergency or displaying a
2 flashing light.

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

5 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the operator of
6 a vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle as defined by
7 Section 541.201, that is driven or towed through a toll collection
8 facility of a turnpike project shall pay the proper toll. The
9 operator of a vehicle who drives or tows a vehicle through a toll
10 collection facility and does not pay the proper toll commits an
11 offense. An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor
12 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. The exemption from payment
13 of a toll for an authorized emergency vehicle applies regardless of
14 whether the vehicle is responding to an emergency or displaying a
15 flashing light.

16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.