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H.B. No. 1959

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to disposition of state traffic fines.

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

SECTION 1. Section 542.4031, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(e) The custodian of money in a municipal or county treasury may deposit money collected under this section in an interest-bearing account. The custodian shall:

(1) keep records of the amount of money collected under this section that is on deposit in the treasury; and

(2) except as provided by Subsections (f) and (f-1), not later than the last day of the month following each calendar quarter, remit to the comptroller money collected under this section during the preceding quarter, as required by the comptroller.

(f-1) A municipality or county may retain the entire amount of the money collected under this section in connection with a violation of Chapter 681. Money retained under this subsection shall be used only to:

(1) construct curb cuts and other accessibility improvements in the municipality or county; or

(2) fund paratransit or demand response transportation systems for individuals with disabilities.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2 to money collected on or after the effective date of this Act.
3 Money collected before the effective date of this Act is governed by
4 the law in effect when the fine was collected, and the former law is
5 continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect October 1, 2007.