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H.B. No. 2600

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to international railroad toll bridges in certain
3 counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 364, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 364.0001 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 364.0001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "bridge"
8 includes a bridge used by vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads, or a
9 combination of vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads.

10 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 364, Transportation Code,
11 is amended by adding Section 364.004 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 364.004. AGREEMENTS RELATING TO TOLL BRIDGE. (a) A
13 county may enter into and make payments under an agreement with a
14 private entity or another governmental entity to acquire,
15 construct, maintain, or operate a toll bridge, including an
16 international toll bridge, and a private or governmental entity in
17 this state may enter into an agreement with a county for that
18 purpose.

19 (b) In connection with or in support of an agreement entered
20 into under Subsection (a), the county may enter into a lease, an
21 operating agreement, a service agreement, a license agreement, a
22 franchise agreement, or a similar agreement with a private entity
23 or another governmental entity.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.