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H.B. No. 2836

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to discount programs provided by toll project entities.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle G, Title 6, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Chapter 371 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 371. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MORE THAN

ONE TYPE OF TOLL PROJECT

Sec. 371.001. DISCOUNT PROGRAMS. (a) In this chapter:

(1) "Hybrid vehicle" means a motor vehicle that draws propulsion energy from both gasoline or conventional diesel fuel and from a rechargeable energy storage system.

(2) "Toll project" means a toll project described by Section 201.001(b), regardless of whether the toll project is:

(A) a part of the state highway system; or

(B) subject to the jurisdiction of the department.

(3) "Toll project entity" means an entity authorized by law to acquire, design, construct, finance, operate, and maintain a toll project, including:

(A) the department under Chapter 227 or 228;

(B) a regional tollway authority under Chapter 366;

(C) a regional mobility authority under Chapter 370; or

1 (D) a county under Chapter 284.

2 (b) A toll project entity shall establish a discount program
3 for electronic toll collection customers. The program must include:

4 (1) a 30 percent discount on the use of the entity's
5 toll project by an electronic toll collection customer whose
6 account relates to a hybrid vehicle; and

7 (2) the use of the entity's toll project for the
8 payment of a flat monthly rate, not to exceed 39.6 times the highest
9 toll charged by the entity for the use of the entity's toll project.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.