

1-1 By: Flores (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 3437
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2007;
1-3 April 24, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 2, 2007, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 2, 2007, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to an optional fee on registration of a vehicle in certain
1-10 counties to fund transportation projects.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
1-13 is amended by adding Section 502.1725 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 502.1725. OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR TRANSPORTATION
1-15 PROJECTS. (a) This section applies only to a county:

1-16 (1) that borders the United Mexican States;

1-17 (2) that has a population of more than 300,000; and

1-18 (3) in which the largest municipality has a population
1-19 of less than 300,000.

1-20 (b) The commissioners court of a county by order may impose
1-21 an additional fee, not to exceed \$10, for registering a vehicle in
1-22 the county.

1-23 (c) A vehicle that may be registered under this chapter
1-24 without payment of a registration fee may be registered in a county
1-25 imposing a fee under this section without payment of the additional
1-26 fee.

1-27 (d) A fee imposed under this section may take effect only on
1-28 January 1 of a year. The county must adopt the order and notify the
1-29 department not later than September 1 of the year preceding the year
1-30 in which the fee takes effect.

1-31 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be removed. The
1-32 removal may take effect only on January 1 of a year. A county may
1-33 remove the fee only by:

1-34 (1) rescinding the order imposing the fee; and

1-35 (2) notifying the department not later than September
1-36 1 of the year preceding the year in which the removal takes effect.

1-37 (f) The county assessor-collector of a county imposing a fee
1-38 under this section shall collect the additional fee for a vehicle
1-39 when other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. The
1-40 county shall send the fee revenue to the regional mobility
1-41 authority of the county to fund long-term transportation projects
1-42 in the county.

1-43 (g) The department shall collect the additional fee on a
1-44 vehicle that is owned by a resident of a county imposing a fee under
1-45 this section and that, under this chapter, must be registered
1-46 directly with the department. The department shall send all fees
1-47 collected for a county under this subsection to the regional
1-48 mobility authority of the county to fund long-term transportation
1-49 projects in the county.

1-50 (h) The department shall adopt rules and develop forms
1-51 necessary to administer registration by mail for a vehicle being
1-52 registered in a county imposing a fee under this section.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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