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H.B. No. 3620

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to revenue collected from certain traffic penalties by municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 542, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 542.405 to read as follows:

Sec. 542.405. REVENUE FROM CERTAIN TRAFFIC PENALTIES COLLECTED BY A MUNICIPALITY. (a) In this section, "photographic traffic signal enforcement system" means a system that:

(1) consists of a camera system and vehicle sensor installed to exclusively work in conjunction with an electrically operated traffic-control signal;

(2) is capable of producing one or more recorded photographic or digital images that depict the license plate attached to the front or the rear of a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with the instructions of the traffic-control signal; and

(3) is designed to enforce compliance with the instructions of the traffic-control signal by imposition of a civil or administrative penalty against the owner of the motor vehicle.

(b) This section applies only to a civil or administrative penalty imposed on the owner of a motor vehicle by a municipality that operates or contracts for the operation of a photographic traffic signal enforcement system with respect to a highway under

1 its jurisdiction or that operates or contracts for the operation of
2 any other type of electronic traffic law enforcement system
3 consisting of a camera system that automatically produces one or
4 more recorded photographs or digital images of the license plate on
5 a motor vehicle or the operator of a motor vehicle.

6 (c) Each calendar quarter, a municipality shall send an
7 amount equal to 35 percent of all revenue derived from civil or
8 administrative penalties collected by the municipality to the
9 comptroller for deposit to the credit of the general revenue fund.

10 SECTION 2. This Act applies to revenue received by a local
11 authority unit of this state from the imposition of a civil or
12 administrative penalty on or after the effective date of this Act,
13 regardless of whether the penalty was imposed before, on, or after
14 the effective date of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.