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H.B. No. 3640

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the collection of surcharges assessed under the driver
3 responsibility program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 708.153(b), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) A rule under this section:

8 (1) may not permit a person to pay a surcharge over a
9 period of more than 36 consecutive months; and

10 (2) may provide that if the person fails to make a
11 required installment payment, the department may establish a new
12 installment plan on different terms or declare the amount of the
13 unpaid surcharge immediately due and payable.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 708, Transportation Code,
15 is amended by adding Section 708.157 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 708.157. AMNESTY AND INCENTIVES. (a) The department by
17 rule may establish a periodic amnesty program for holders of a
18 driver's license on which a surcharge has been assessed for certain
19 offenses, as determined by the department.

20 (b) The department by rule may offer a holder of a driver's
21 license on which a surcharge has been assessed an incentive for
22 compliance with the law and efforts at rehabilitation, including a
23 reduction of a surcharge or a decrease in the length of an
24 installment plan.

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