1-1   By: Ellis   S.B. No. 436
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed February 5, 2007; February 21, 2007,
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1-4   Homeland Security; April 12, 2007, reported adversely, with
1-5   favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-6   Nays 0; April 12, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 436   By: Ellis

1-8   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9   AN ACT

1-10   relating to the operation of hybrid motor vehicles.
1-11   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12   SECTION 1.   Section 224.153, Transportation Code, is amended
1-13   by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
1-14   (e) A motor vehicle displaying the "hybrid vehicle"
1-15   insignia authorized by Section 502.1861 in an easily readable
1-16   location on the back of the vehicle may use a high occupancy vehicle
1-17   lane regardless of the number of occupants in the vehicle unless:
1-18   (1)   the use would impair the receipt of federal funds;
1-19   or
1-20   (2)   the department determines that the high occupancy
1-21   vehicle lane has reached 80 percent of its vehicle capacity.
1-22   SECTION 2.   Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
1-23   is amended by adding Section 502.1861 to read as follows:
1-24   Sec. 502.1861. "HYBRID VEHICLE" INSIGNIA FOR CERTAIN MOTOR
1-25   VEHICLES.   (a)   At the time of registration or reregistration of
1-26   the motor vehicle, the department shall issue a specially designed
1-27   "hybrid vehicle" insignia for a motor vehicle that draws propulsion
1-28   energy from both gasoline or conventional diesel fuel and from a
1-29   rechargeable energy storage system.
1-30   (b)   The department shall issue a "hybrid vehicle" insignia
1-31   under this section without the payment of any additional fee to a
1-32   person who:
1-33   (1)   applies to the department on a form provided by the
1-34   department; and
1-35   (2)   submits proof that the motor vehicle being
1-36   registered is a vehicle described by Subsection (a).
1-37   SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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