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S.B. No. 1723

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1723:

By: Driver

C.S.S.B. No. 1723

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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 reestablish the  
12 installment plan or declare the amount of the unpaid surcharge  
13 immediately due and payable.

14 SECTION 2. Section 708.155, Transportation Code, is amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 708.155. CONTRACTS FOR COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES. (a)  
17 The department may enter into a contract with a private attorney or  
18 a public or private vendor for the provision of services for the  
19 collection of surcharges receivable and related costs under this  
20 chapter.

21 (b) To provide for alternative or additional collection  
22 methods for surcharges receivable, the department may amend a  
23 contract entered into under Subsection (a) and enter into  
24 additional contracts under Subsection (a).

1        (c) The total amount of compensation under a contract  
2 entered into under this section may not exceed 30 percent of the  
3 amount of the surcharges and related costs collected.

4        SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 708, Transportation Code,  
5 is amended by adding Section 708.157 to read as follows:

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

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

15        SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
16 708.155, Transportation Code, do not affect the entitlement of a  
17 private attorney or a public or private vendor with whom the  
18 Department of Public Safety contracts under that section  
19 immediately before September 1, 2007, to bid on the additional  
20 contract.

21        SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.