

1-1 By: Ogden S.B. No. 1723  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1723 By: Ellis

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

1-10 relating to the collection of surcharges assessed under the driver  
1-11 responsibility program.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 708.153, Transportation  
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (b) A rule under this section:

1-16 (1) may not permit a person to pay a surcharge over a  
1-17 period of more than 36 consecutive months; and

1-18 (2) may provide that if the person fails to make a  
1-19 required installment payment, the department may reestablish the  
1-20 installment plan or declare the amount of the unpaid surcharge  
1-21 immediately due and payable.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 708.155, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 708.155. CONTRACTS FOR COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES.

1-25 (a) The department may enter into a contract with a private  
1-26 attorney or a public or private vendor for the provision of services  
1-27 for the collection of surcharges receivable and related costs under  
1-28 this chapter.

1-29 (b) To provide for alternative or additional collection  
1-30 methods for surcharges receivable that have not been collected  
1-31 under the original contract, the department may amend the original  
1-32 contract entered into under Subsection (a) or enter into additional  
1-33 contracts under Subsection (a).

1-34 (c) The total amount of compensation under a contract  
1-35 entered into under this section may not exceed 30 percent of the  
1-36 amount of the surcharges and related costs collected.

1-37 SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 708, Transportation Code,  
1-38 is amended by adding Section 708.157 to read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 708.157. AMNESTY AND INCENTIVES. (a) The department  
1-40 by rule may establish a periodic amnesty program for holders of a  
1-41 driver's license on which a surcharge has been assessed for certain  
1-42 offenses, as determined by the department.

1-43 (b) The department by rule may offer a holder of a driver's  
1-44 license on which a surcharge has been assessed an incentive for  
1-45 compliance with the law and efforts at rehabilitation, including a  
1-46 reduction of a surcharge or a decrease in the length of an  
1-47 installment plan.

1-48 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
1-49 708.155, Transportation Code, do not affect the entitlement of a  
1-50 private attorney or a public or private vendor with whom the  
1-51 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas contracts under  
1-52 that section immediately before September 1, 2007, to bid on the  
1-53 additional contract.

1-54 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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