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H.B. No. 4088

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the rate of the motor vehicle sales and use tax imposed on certain motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 152.001, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (20) to read as follows:

(20) "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that draws propulsion energy from both gasoline or conventional diesel fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system.

SECTION 2. Section 152.021, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the ~~[The]~~ tax rate is 6-1/4 percent of the total consideration.

(c) The tax rate for a hybrid motor vehicle, other than a plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle as defined by Section 152.0902(a), is 3.125 percent of the total consideration.

SECTION 3. Section 152.022(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The tax is imposed at the appropriate rate prescribed by Section 152.021 on ~~[rate is 6-1/4 percent of]~~ the total consideration.

SECTION 4. Section 152.026(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The tax rate is 10 percent of the gross rental receipts from the rental of a rented motor vehicle for 30 days or less. The tax on [and 6-1/4 percent of] the gross rental receipts from the rental of a rented motor vehicle for longer than 30 days is imposed at the appropriate rate prescribed by Section 152.021.

SECTION 5. Section 152.028(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The tax is imposed at the appropriate rate prescribed by Section 152.021 on [rate is 6-1/4 percent of] the total consideration.

SECTION 6. Subchapter E, Chapter 152, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 152.0902 to read as follows:

Sec. 152.0902. CERTAIN PLUG-IN ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Plug-in electric motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is powered exclusively by an electric motor supplied by batteries that can be charged from an external electrical outlet.

(2) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that draws propulsion energy from both gasoline or conventional diesel fuel and batteries that can be charged from an external electrical outlet.

(b) The taxes imposed by this chapter do not apply to the sale or use of a plug-in electric motor vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle.

SECTION 7. The change in law made by this Act does not affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this

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1 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been
2 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the
3 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of
4 the liability for those taxes.

5 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.