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H.B. No. 217

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to an optional county fee on registration of a vehicle in  
3 certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 502.1725(a), (f), and (g),  
6 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) This section applies only to:

8 (1) a county:

9 (A) ~~[(1)]~~ that borders the United Mexican States;

10 (B) ~~[(2)]~~ that has a population of more than  
11 300,000; and

12 (C) ~~[(3)]~~ in which the largest municipality has a  
13 population of less than 300,000; and

14 (2) a county that has a population of less than 50,000  
15 that:

16 (A) borders the United Mexican States; and

17 (B) contains at least one federal military base.

18 (f) The county assessor-collector of a county imposing a fee  
19 under this section shall collect the additional fee for a vehicle  
20 when other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. If the  
21 county is included in a regional mobility authority, the ~~[The]~~  
22 county shall send the fee revenue to the regional mobility  
23 authority ~~[of the county]~~ to fund long-term transportation projects  
24 in the county.

1           (g) The department shall collect the additional fee on a  
2 vehicle that is owned by a resident of a county imposing a fee under  
3 this section and that, under this chapter, must be registered  
4 directly with the department. The department shall send all fees  
5 collected for a county under this subsection to:

6           (1) the regional mobility authority of the county to  
7 fund long-term transportation projects in the county if the county  
8 is included in an authority; or

9           (2) the county treasurer to be credited to the county  
10 public transportation fund if the county is not included in an  
11 authority.

12           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.