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H.B. No. 441

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the fees for certain commercial vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.167(c), Transportation Code, as effective September 1, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fee [~~for a registration year~~] for registration of a semitrailer used in the manner described by Subsection (a), regardless of the date the semitrailer is registered, is[+]

~~[(1) \$30, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has been issued, or~~

~~[(2)] \$15 for a registration year [~~, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has not been issued~~].~~

SECTION 2. Section 623.011(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To qualify for a permit under this section:

(1) the vehicle must be registered under Chapter 502 for the maximum gross weight applicable to the vehicle under Section 621.101, not to exceed 80,000 pounds;

(2) the security requirement of Section 623.012 must be satisfied; and

(3) a base permit fee of \$90 [~~\$75~~], any additional fee required by Section 623.0111, and any additional fee set by the department under Section 623.0112 must be paid.

1           SECTION 3. Section 621.353(a), Transportation Code, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           (a) The comptroller shall send \$50 of each base fee  
4 collected under Section 623.011 for an excess weight permit to the  
5 counties of the state, with each county receiving an amount  
6 determined according to the ratio of the total number of miles of  
7 county roads maintained by the county to the total number of miles  
8 of county roads maintained by all of the counties of this state.  
9 The comptroller shall deposit \$40 [~~\$25~~] of each base fee, plus each  
10 fee collected under Section 623.0112, to the credit of the state  
11 highway fund. Money deposited to the credit of that fund under this  
12 subsection may be appropriated only to the department to administer  
13 this section and Sections 623.011, 623.0111, and 623.0112.

14           SECTION 4. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply  
15 only to fees charged for a vehicle registration or permit issued on  
16 or after the effective date of this Act.

17           (b) A vehicle registration or permit issued before the  
18 effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the  
19 registration or permit was issued, and the former law is continued  
20 in effect for that purpose.

21           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.