

AN ACT

relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Parks and Wildlife Department when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a motor vehicle registration.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Sections 502.1747 and 502.1748 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.1747. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT. (a) When a person registers or renews the registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the person may contribute \$5 or more to the Parks and Wildlife Department.

(b) The department shall:

(1) include space on each motor vehicle registration renewal notice, on the page that states the total fee for registration renewal, that allows a person renewing a registration to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the state parks account;

(2) provide an opportunity to contribute to the state parks account similar to the opportunity described by Subsection (a) and in the manner described by Subdivision (1) in any registration renewal system that succeeds the system in place on September 1, 2011; and

(3) provide an opportunity for a person to contribute

1 to the state parks account during the registration renewal process  
2 on the department's Internet website.

3 (c) If a person makes a contribution under this section and  
4 does not pay the full amount of a registration fee, the county  
5 assessor-collector may credit all or a portion of the contribution  
6 to the person's registration fee.

7 (d) The county assessor-collector shall send any  
8 contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit  
9 to the credit of the state parks account under Section 11.035, Parks  
10 and Wildlife Code. Money received by the Parks and Wildlife  
11 Department under this section may be used only for the operation and  
12 maintenance of state parks, historic sites, or natural areas under  
13 the jurisdiction of the Parks and Wildlife Department.

14 (e) The department shall consult with the Parks and Wildlife  
15 Department in performing the department's duties under this  
16 section.

17 Sec. 502.1748. DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN VOLUNTARY  
18 CONTRIBUTIONS. If a person makes a voluntary contribution under  
19 Section 502.1746 or 502.1747 at the time the person registers or  
20 renews the registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter but  
21 the person does not clearly specify the entity to which the person  
22 intends to contribute, the county assessor-collector shall divide  
23 the contribution between the entities authorized to receive  
24 contributions under those sections.

25 SECTION 2. Sections 502.1747 and 502.1748, Transportation  
26 Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a motor vehicle  
27 registration renewal notice issued for a registration that expires

1 on or after January 1, 2012.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1301 was passed by the House on April 14, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1301 on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1301 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor