

1-1 By: Guillen, Farias (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 1301
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2011;
1-3 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 19, 2011, reported
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1301 By: Watson

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

1-10 relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Parks and
1-11 Wildlife Department when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a
1-12 motor vehicle registration.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
1-15 is amended by adding Sections 502.1747 and 502.1748 to read as
1-16 follows:

1-17 Sec. 502.1747. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO PARKS AND WILDLIFE
1-18 DEPARTMENT. (a) When a person registers or renews the
1-19 registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the person may
1-20 contribute \$5 or more to the Parks and Wildlife Department.

1-21 (b) The department shall:

1-22 (1) include space on each motor vehicle registration
1-23 renewal notice, on the page that states the total fee for
1-24 registration renewal, that allows a person renewing a registration
1-25 to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing
1-26 to the state parks account;

1-27 (2) provide an opportunity to contribute to the state
1-28 parks account similar to the opportunity described by Subsection
1-29 (a) and in the manner described by Subdivision (1) in any
1-30 registration renewal system that succeeds the system in place on
1-31 September 1, 2011; and

1-32 (3) provide an opportunity for a person to contribute
1-33 to the state parks account during the registration renewal process
1-34 on the department's Internet website.

1-35 (c) If a person makes a contribution under this section and
1-36 does not pay the full amount of a registration fee, the county
1-37 assessor-collector may credit all or a portion of the contribution
1-38 to the person's registration fee.

1-39 (d) The county assessor-collector shall send any
1-40 contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit
1-41 to the credit of the state parks account under Section 11.035, Parks
1-42 and Wildlife Code. Money received by the Parks and Wildlife
1-43 Department under this section may be used only for the operation and
1-44 maintenance of state parks, historic sites, or natural areas under
1-45 the jurisdiction of the Parks and Wildlife Department.

1-46 (e) The department shall consult with the Parks and Wildlife
1-47 Department in performing the department's duties under this
1-48 section.

1-49 Sec. 502.1748. DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN VOLUNTARY
1-50 CONTRIBUTIONS. If a person makes a voluntary contribution under
1-51 Section 502.1746 or 502.1747 at the time the person registers or
1-52 renews the registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter but
1-53 the person does not clearly specify the entity to which the person
1-54 intends to contribute, the county assessor-collector shall divide
1-55 the contribution between the entities authorized to receive
1-56 contributions under those sections.

1-57 SECTION 2. Sections 502.1747 and 502.1748, Transportation
1-58 Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a motor vehicle
1-59 registration renewal notice issued for a registration that expires
1-60 on or after January 1, 2012.

1-61 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-62 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-63 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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