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H.B. No. 1669

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of an electric motor vehicle mileage
3 fee pilot program by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

6 (1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Motor
7 Vehicles.

8 (2) "Electric motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle
9 that uses electricity as its only source of motor power.

10 SECTION 2. ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLE MILEAGE FEE PILOT
11 PROGRAM. (a) The department by rule shall establish and implement
12 a statewide pilot program to assess owners of electric motor
13 vehicles a vehicle mileage fee that is based on the number of miles
14 traveled on public roads in this state by those motor vehicles. The
15 pilot program must require all electric motor vehicles registered
16 in this state to be subject to the mileage fee.

17 (b) The pilot program must provide for two methods of
18 participation. The owner of an electric motor vehicle may have the
19 vehicle's mileage determined by:

20 (1) an odometer reading that will occur in a manner
21 specified by the department; or

22 (2) a device installed in the vehicle that
23 electronically reports the number of miles traveled.

24 (c) The department by rule shall establish:

1 (1) the technologies to be used under Subsection
2 (b)(2), including technical specifications for those technologies;

3 (2) the manner of fee collection; and

4 (3) incentives for participants to equip their
5 vehicles with an electronic reporting device.

6 (d) In implementing the pilot program the department shall
7 consider, to the extent possible:

8 (1) economic efficiency;

9 (2) long-term revenue generation;

10 (3) long-term revenue stability;

11 (4) charging fairness; and

12 (5) privacy concerns.

13 (e) The department by rule shall set the amount of the
14 electric motor vehicle mileage fee on a per mile basis. In
15 determining the amount of the fee, the department shall consider
16 the average amount of gasoline tax paid for a gasoline-powered
17 motor vehicle of a comparable class.

18 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2012, the
19 department shall submit a report to the legislature that includes
20 recommendations regarding:

21 (1) the feasibility of permanently assessing an
22 electric motor vehicle mileage fee in this state; and

23 (2) legislation to permanently implement an electric
24 motor vehicle mileage fee.

25 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2013,
26 and the department may not impose a vehicle mileage fee under the
27 pilot program established under this Act after that date.

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