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S.B. No. 1905

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of emergency services in certain rural counties using admission fees charged at state parks.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 11, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 354 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 354. EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RURAL COUNTIES

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 354.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to a county with:

(1) a population of less than 20,000 that is adjacent to a county with an international border;

(2) a state park; and

(3) an interstate highway.

[Sections 354.002-354.050 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER B. STATE PARKS

Sec. 354.051. ADMISSION TO PARK; USE OF MONEY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES. (a) The Parks and Wildlife Department shall use \$1 from the admission to a state park in the county for the purposes described by this section. Revenue collected under this section and deposited in the state parks account under Section 11.035, Parks and Wildlife Code, may be appropriated only to the department to award grants to a county that provides emergency services that directly or indirectly benefit the park.

1 (b) The county shall use the money to pay for emergency
2 services provided by the county in the county, including emergency
3 services provided by volunteers.

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