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S.B. No. 1905

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

7 CHAPTER 354. EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RURAL COUNTIES

8 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

11 (1) a population of less than 20,000;

12 (2) a state park; and

13 (3) an interstate highway.

14 [Sections 354.002-354.050 reserved for expansion]

15 SUBCHAPTER B. STATE PARKS

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

23 (b) The county shall use the money to pay for emergency
24 services provided by the county in the county, including emergency

1 services provided by volunteers.

2 SECTION 2. 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.