

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 1301

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Parks and
3 Wildlife Department when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a
4 motor vehicle registration.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 502.1747 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 502.1747. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO PARKS AND WILDLIFE
9 DEPARTMENT. (a) When a person registers or renews the registration
10 of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the person may contribute \$1
11 to the Parks and Wildlife Department.

12 (b) The contribution shall be automatically included in the
13 total amount due for the registration or renewal of the
14 registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter. A person shall
15 have the option at the time of registration or renewal to decline to
16 make the contribution described by Subsection (a). If a person
17 declines to make the contribution, the amount shall be deducted
18 from the total amount due for the registration or renewal.

19 (c) The county assessor-collector shall send any
20 contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit
21 to the credit of the state parks account under Section 11.035, Parks
22 and Wildlife Code. Money received by the Parks and Wildlife
23 Department under this section may be used only for the operation and
24 maintenance of state parks, historic sites, or natural areas under

1 the jurisdiction of the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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.

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Secretary of the Senate

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H.B. No. 1301

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1301 :

By: Chris Nantz

C.S. H.B. No. 1301

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

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

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

13 (b) The department shall:

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

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

24 (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.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 24, 2011

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1301 by Guillen (Relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Parks and Wildlife Department when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a motor vehicle registration.), **As Passed 2nd House**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1301, As Passed 2nd House: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.
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General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from State Parks Acct 64
2012	\$1,067,000
2013	\$1,600,000
2014	\$1,600,000
2015	\$1,600,000
2016	\$1,600,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would implement a recommendation in the report, "Increase Private Contributions for State Parks" in the Legislative Budget Board's *Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report*, submitted to the Eighty-second Texas Legislature, 2011.

The bill would establish a system in which motorists can voluntarily donate \$5 or more with their initial vehicle registration or renewals to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). These donations would be used by TPWD for the operations and maintenance of state parks.

Donations made with vehicle registration renewals would begin with registrations that expire January 1, 2012. Donations made with initial registrations would begin when the bill is effective, September 1, 2011.

Methodology

The revenue gain estimate is based on Washington state's experience with a similar state park voluntary donation system. Based on the experience that state had with its first year of donations, and applying it to fiscal year 2009 vehicle registrations in Texas, a \$1.6 million revenue gain is estimated for fiscal year 2013 and thereafter. For fiscal year 2012, the estimate is reduced by one-third because donations made with registration renewals would start in January 1, 2012, resulting in a projected gain of approximately \$1.07 million for that fiscal year.

It is likely that revenue from this source will increase in future years as more vehicle owners learn about the state park donation option.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require a county assessor-collector to send any donations to the comptroller for credit to the Parks and Wildlife Department. Increased administrative activity due to this provision would vary by number of donations but is not anticipated to be significant and could be absorbed within current resources.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2011

TO: Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1301 by Guillen (Relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Parks and Wildlife Department when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a motor vehicle registration.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1301, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.
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General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

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It is likely that revenue from this source will increase in future years as more vehicle owners learn about the state park donation option.

Local Government Impact

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 2, 2011

TO: Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1301 by Guillen (Relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Parks and Wildlife Department when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a motor vehicle registration.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1301, As Engrossed: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>State Parks Acct</i> 64
2012	\$5,344,547
2013	\$5,344,547
2014	\$5,344,547
2015	\$5,344,547
2016	\$5,344,547

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would implement a recommendation similar to the report "Increase Private Contributions for State Parks" in the Legislative Budget Board's *Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report*, submitted to the Eighty-second Texas Legislature, 2011.

The bill would establish a system in which motorists contribute \$1 with their initial vehicle registration or renewal to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Contributions to TPWD would be automatically added to the registration fee, however, vehicles owners could opt not to make the donation. These donations could only be used to operate and maintain TPWD state parks, natural areas, and historic sites.

Methodology

The Texas Parks and Wildlife projects that approximately 32 percent of registrations will include a donation. This estimate is based on Washington state's experience with a similar state park contribution system and the rate at which Texas residents are likely to donate. Applying this donation rate to the number of eligible vehicles results in a projected gain of approximately \$5.3 million per year to the State Parks account 64.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require a county assessor-collector to send these contributions to the comptroller for deposit into the State Parks account. Increased administrative workload is not anticipated to be significant and could be absorbed within current resources.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 8, 2011

TO: Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1301 by Guillen (Relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Parks and Wildlife Department when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a motor vehicle registration.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1301, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.
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General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

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2012	\$0
2013	\$0
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