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H.B. No. 562

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the suspension of toll collection during a declared
3 state of disaster; suspending tolls.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 228.054(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e) or Section 228.0545
8 or 228.060, the operator of a vehicle, other than an authorized
9 emergency vehicle, as defined by Section 541.201, that is driven or
10 towed through a toll collection facility shall pay the proper
11 toll. The exemption from payment of a toll for an authorized
12 emergency vehicle applies regardless of whether the vehicle is:

- 13 (1) responding to an emergency;
14 (2) displaying a flashing light; or
15 (3) marked as an emergency vehicle.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 228, Transportation Code,
17 is amended by adding Section 228.060 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 228.060. SUSPENSION OF TOLL COLLECTION DURING STATE OF
19 DISASTER. During the period a declaration of a state of disaster is
20 in effect under Section 418.014, Government Code, the department,
21 or another person operating a toll project or lane under this
22 chapter, may not collect a toll for use of a toll project or lane if
23 the project or lane is located in the area designated by the
24 executive order or proclamation declaring the state of disaster.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.