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H.B. No. 1573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle  
3 registration in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 502.402, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection (g) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) This section applies only to:

9 (1) a county:

10 (A) [~~(1)~~] that borders the United Mexican  
11 States;

12 (B) [~~(2)~~] that has a population of more than  
13 300,000; and

14 (C) [~~(3)~~] in which the largest municipality has a  
15 population of less than 300,000; and

16 (2) a county that contains an advanced transportation  
17 district formed under Subchapter O, Chapter 451.

18 (e) The additional fee shall be collected for a vehicle when  
19 other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. Except as  
20 provided by Subsection (g), the [~~The~~] fee revenue collected shall  
21 be sent to the regional mobility authority of the county to fund  
22 long-term transportation projects in the county.

23 (g) A county described by Subsection (a)(2) shall deposit  
24 the fee revenue collected in a special account in the county

1 general fund. Money in the account may be used only to fund or  
2 pledge for the financing of a transportation project.

3 SECTION 2. Section 502.402, Transportation Code, as amended  
4 by this Act, applies only to the fee for a registration period  
5 beginning on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee for a  
6 registration period beginning before the effective date of this Act  
7 is governed by the law in effect when the registration period began,  
8 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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