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H.B. No. 3040

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a fee on registration of a vehicle to fund transportation projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.360 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.360. ADDITIONAL FEE FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

(a) In addition to other fees charged for registration of a motor vehicle, at the time of application for registration or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle, the applicant shall pay an additional fee of \$50. Fees collected under this section shall be remitted weekly to the department.

(b) A motor vehicle that may be registered under this chapter without payment of a registration fee may be registered without payment of the additional fee under this section.

(c) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Mobility Fund.

(d) The Texas Transportation Commission shall distribute the proceeds of obligations issued under Section 201.943 that are secured by revenue from fees collected under this section to:

(1) each metropolitan planning organization; and

(2) each county that is not in the area of a metropolitan planning organization.

(e) The Texas Transportation Commission shall allocate the

1 proceeds of obligations distributed under Subsection (d) according
2 to the fee revenue collected in the area of each metropolitan
3 planning organization and each county that receives proceeds under
4 that subsection.

5 (f) The proceeds of obligations distributed under
6 Subsection (d) may be used only for a transportation project:

7 (1) selected by a metropolitan planning organization
8 or county to which those proceeds are distributed; and

9 (2) that:

10 (A) relieves congestion;

11 (B) improves safety; or

12 (C) addresses air quality.

13 (g) The proceeds of obligations distributed under
14 Subsection (d) may not be used to fund a toll project defined by
15 Section 201.001(b).

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.