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H.B. No. 3664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the allocation of the state highway fund; restricting
3 the use of the state highway fund; increasing the fee for motor
4 vehicle and trailer registration.

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

6 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Transportation
7 Reinvestment Act."

8 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 222, Transportation Code,
9 is amended by adding Section 222.0015 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 222.0015. USE OF CERTAIN MONEY IN STATE HIGHWAY FUND.

11 (a) This section applies only to the following money deposited to
12 the credit of the state highway fund from all proceeds from the
13 collection of registration fees under Sections 502.251, 502.252,
14 502.253, and 502.254 attributable to the portion of the applicable
15 rates of those fees that exceed the rates in effect on August 31,
16 2013; and

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, money described by
18 Subsection (a) shall be utilized in the following manner:

19 (1) one-third dedicated to the payment of existing
20 voter authorized transportation debt until such debt is retired;
21 and

22 (2) the remaining amount may be used only for
23 acquiring rights-of-way and planning, designing, and constructing
24 nontolled improvements to the state highway system.

1 SECTION 3. Section 223.202, Transportation Code, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 223.202. LIMITATION ON DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL
4 PARTICIPATION. (a) The department may not commit funds [~~amount of~~
5 ~~money disbursed by the department~~] from the state highway fund or
6 [~~and~~] the Texas mobility fund during a state [~~federal~~] fiscal year
7 to pay the costs under comprehensive development agreements unless
8 the department has in place a plan to:

9 (1) contract for department projects with the private
10 sector in the fiscal year in a minimum amount of \$4 billion;

11 (2) spend in the fiscal year a minimum amount of \$400
12 million for private sector engineering services to advance projects
13 to be let directly by the department; and

14 (3) spend in the fiscal year a minimum amount of \$250
15 million in right-of-way acquisition for projects to be let directly
16 by the department [~~may not exceed 40 percent of the obligation~~
17 ~~authority under the federal aid highway program that is distributed~~
18 ~~to this state for that fiscal year~~].

19 (b) Amounts spent by the department for routine maintenance
20 for a project may not be included for the purposes of determining
21 amounts under Subsection (a).

22 SECTION 4. Section 502.251, Transportation Code, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 502.251. FEE: MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED. The fee for a
25 registration year for registration of a motorcycle or moped is \$60
26 [~~\$30~~].

27 SECTION 5. Section 502.252, Transportation Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 502.252. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH 6,000 POUNDS OR
3 LESS. (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
4 vehicle with a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less is \$80.75
5 [~~\$50.75~~], unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

6 SECTION 6. Section 502.253, Transportation Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 502.253. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH MORE THAN 6,000
9 POUNDS. The fee for a registration year for registration of a
10 vehicle with a gross weight of more than 6,000 pounds is as follows
11 unless otherwise provided in this chapter:

12 Weight Classification	Fee Schedule
13 in pounds	
14 6,001-10,000	<u>\$108</u> [\$54.00]
15 10,001-18,000	<u>\$170</u> [\$110.00]
16 18,001-25,999	<u>\$265</u> [\$205.00]
17 26,000-40,000	<u>\$400</u> [\$340.00]
18 40,001-54,999	<u>\$595</u> [\$535.00]
19 55,000-70,000	<u>\$800</u> [\$740.00]
20 70,001-80,000	<u>\$900</u> [\$840.00]

21 SECTION 7. Section 502.254(a), Transportation Code, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
24 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a gross weight of
25 6,000 pounds or less is \$75 [~~\$45.00~~].

26 SECTION 8. This Act take effect September 1, 2013.