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S.B. No. 626

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fees collected by the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended by reenacting and amending Subsection (a), as amended by Chapters 308 (H.B. 1887) and 927 (H.B. 3225), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) The automobile theft prevention fund is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund. The comptroller shall deposit to the credit of the fund:

(1) any gift or grant of money accepted by the authority; and

(2) money collected under Sections 9 and 10 of this article.

(a-1) Sections 403.095 and 404.071, Government Code, do not apply to the fund.

(a-2) Money appropriated to the department for authority purposes and money credited to the fund shall only be used by the authority to pay the department for administrative costs and to achieve the purposes of this article, including:

(1) establishing and funding the motor vehicle registration program required by Section 9 of this article;

1           (2) providing financial support to law enforcement  
2 agencies for economic motor vehicle theft enforcement teams;

3           (3) providing financial support to law enforcement  
4 agencies, local prosecutors, judicial agencies, and neighborhood,  
5 community, business, and nonprofit organizations for programs  
6 designed to reduce the incidence of economic motor vehicle theft;

7           (4) conducting educational programs designed to  
8 inform motor vehicle owners of methods of preventing motor vehicle  
9 burglary or theft;

10          (5) providing equipment, for experimental purposes,  
11 to assist motor vehicle owners in preventing motor vehicle burglary  
12 or theft; and

13          (6) establishing a uniform program to prevent stolen  
14 motor vehicles from entering Mexico.

15          SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.