BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3862 By: Zedler Transportation Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The use of money deposited into the motorcycle education fund account is restricted by statute. C.S.H.B. 3862 seeks to promote motorcyclist safety by revising provisions relating to the use of account funds.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3862 amends the Transportation Code to expand the authorized uses of money deposited to the credit of the motorcycle education fund account to include the defrayal of the cost of conducting the motorcyclist safety and share the road campaign.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3862 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. Section 502.196, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.196. DEPOSIT OF REGISTRATION FEES IN STATE HIGHWAY FUND. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter or Section 662.011, the board and the department shall deposit all money received from registration fees in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.

No equivalent provision.

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SECTION 2. Section 502.251, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.251. FEE: MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED. The fee for a registration year for registration of a motorcycle or moped is \$33 [\$30].

SECTION 3. Section 662.011, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (b-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

- (a-1) Of each fee collected under Section 502.251, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall send \$3 to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of a subaccount in the motorcycle education fund account.
- (b) Money deposited to the credit of the motorcycle education fund account may be used only to defray the cost of:
- (1) administering the motorcycle operator training and safety program; and
- (2) conducting the motorcyclist safety and share the road campaign described by Section 201.621.
- (b-1) The designated state agency shall, at a minimum, use funds appropriated to the agency from the subaccount to administer the motorcycle operator training and safety program.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to the fee for a registration period beginning on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee for a registration period beginning before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the registration period began, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 1. Section 662.011(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (b) Money deposited to the credit of the motorcycle education fund account may be used only to defray the cost of:
- (1) administering the motorcycle operator training and safety program; and
- (2) conducting the motorcyclist safety and share the road campaign described by Section 201.621.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.

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