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H.B. No. 7

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain
3 statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts; providing for the
4 dedication and use of certain state revenue; reducing or affecting
5 the amounts or rates of certain statutorily dedicated fees and
6 assessments; redesignating the bingo prize fee as a prize tax and
7 providing for the collection and use of the tax.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 102.054, Business & Commerce Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 102.054. ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN REVENUE FOR SEXUAL
12 ASSAULT PROGRAMS. The comptroller shall deposit the amounts [~~first~~
13 ~~\$25 million~~] received from the fee imposed under this subchapter
14 [~~in a state fiscal biennium~~] to the credit of the sexual assault
15 program fund.

16 SECTION 2. Section 21.703, Education Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 21.703. [~~EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE INNOVATION FUND,~~] AMOUNT
19 OF GRANT AWARD. (a) [~~Each state fiscal year, the commissioner~~
20 ~~shall deposit an amount determined by the General Appropriations~~
21 ~~Act to the credit of the educator excellence innovation fund in the~~
22 ~~general revenue fund.~~] Each state fiscal year, the agency shall
23 [~~use money in the educator excellence innovation fund to~~] provide
24 each school district approved on a competitive basis under this

1 subchapter with a grant in an amount determined by the agency in
2 accordance with commissioner rule.

3 (b) Not later than April 1 of each state fiscal year, the
4 agency shall provide written notice to each school district that
5 will be provided a grant under this section that the district will
6 be provided the grant and the amount of that grant.

7 SECTION 3. Section 52.91(c), Education Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (c) The board shall repay bonds issued by the board to fund
10 the Texas B-On-time student loan program using legislative
11 appropriations and money collected by the board as repayment for
12 Texas B-On-time student loans awarded by the board. [~~The board may
13 use tuition set aside under Section 56.465 to repay bonds issued by
14 the board for the Texas B-On-time student loan program.~~] The board
15 may not use money collected by the board as repayment for student
16 loans awarded by the board under Subchapter C to repay bonds issued
17 by the board for the Texas B-On-time student loan program under
18 Section 56.464(b).

19 SECTION 4. Section 56.463, Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 56.463. TEXAS B-ON-TIME STUDENT LOAN ACCOUNT. (a) The
22 Texas B-On-time student loan account is an account in the general
23 revenue fund. The account consists of:

24 (1) gifts and grants and legislative appropriations
25 received under Section 56.464; [~~tuition set aside under Section
26 56.465,~~] and

27 (2) other money required by law to be deposited in the

1 account.

2 (b) Money in the Texas B-On-time student loan account may be
3 appropriated ~~[used]~~ only:

4 (1) to pay any costs of the coordinating board related
5 to the operation of the Texas B-On-time loan program and as
6 otherwise provided by this subchapter; or

7 (2) to the institutions of higher education that
8 contributed to the account as formerly provided by Section 56.465
9 and only for a purpose other than the Texas B-On-time loan program.

10 (c) Appropriations under Subsection (b)(2) must be made so
11 that each of the institutions of higher education receives an
12 amount that is in proportion to the net amount the institution
13 contributed to the Texas B-On-time student loan account.

14 SECTION 5. Section 61.5391(a), Education Code, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 (a) The physician education loan repayment program account
17 is an account in the general revenue fund. The account is composed
18 of:

- 19 (1) gifts and grants contributed to the account;
20 (2) earnings on the principal of the account; and
21 (3) other amounts deposited to the credit of the
22 account, including:

23 (A) money deposited under Section ~~[61.539(b) or]~~
24 61.5392;

25 (B) legislative appropriations; and

26 (C) money deposited under Section 155.2415, Tax
27 Code.

1 SECTION 6. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is
2 amended by adding Section 403.0143 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 403.0143. REPORT ON USE OF GENERAL REVENUE-DEDICATED
4 ACCOUNTS. After each regular session of the legislature, the
5 comptroller shall issue a report that itemizes each general
6 revenue-dedicated account and the estimated balance and revenue in
7 each account that is considered available for the purposes of
8 certification of appropriations as provided by Section 403.095.
9 The comptroller shall publish the report on the comptroller's
10 Internet website.

11 SECTION 7. Section 403.0956, Government Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 403.0956. REALLOCATION OF INTEREST ACCRUED ON CERTAIN
14 DEDICATED REVENUE. Notwithstanding any other law, all interest or
15 other earnings that accrue on all revenue held in an account in the
16 general revenue fund any part of which Section 403.095 makes
17 available for certification under Section 403.121 are available for
18 any general governmental purpose, and the comptroller shall deposit
19 the interest and earnings to the credit of the general revenue
20 fund. This section does not apply to:

21 (1) interest or earnings on revenue deposited in
22 accordance with Section 51.008, Education Code;

23 (2) an account that accrues interest or other earnings
24 on deposits of state or federal money the diversion of which is
25 specifically excluded by federal law;

26 (3) the lifetime license endowment account; ~~[or]~~

27 (4) the game, fish, and water safety account;

1 (5) the coastal protection account; or

2 (6) the Alamo complex account.

3 SECTION 8. Section 420.008(c), Government Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (c) The legislature may appropriate money deposited to the
6 credit of the fund only to:

7 (1) the attorney general, for:

8 (A) sexual violence awareness and prevention
9 campaigns;

10 (B) grants to faith-based groups, independent
11 school districts, and community action organizations for programs
12 for the prevention of sexual assault and programs for victims of
13 human trafficking;

14 (C) grants for equipment for sexual assault nurse
15 examiner programs, to support the preceptorship of future sexual
16 assault nurse examiners, and for the continuing education of sexual
17 assault nurse examiners;

18 (D) grants to increase the level of sexual
19 assault services in this state;

20 (E) grants to support victim assistance
21 coordinators;

22 (F) grants to support technology in rape crisis
23 centers;

24 (G) grants to and contracts with a statewide
25 nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation under
26 Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, having as a
27 primary purpose ending sexual violence in this state, for programs

1 for the prevention of sexual violence, outreach programs, and
2 technical assistance to and support of youth and rape crisis
3 centers working to prevent sexual violence; ~~and~~

4 (H) grants to regional nonprofit providers of
5 civil legal services to provide legal assistance for sexual assault
6 victims;

7 (I) grants to prevent sex trafficking and to
8 provide services for victims of sex trafficking; and

9 (J) grants to carry out the purpose of this
10 chapter, including standardizing the quality of services provided,
11 preventing sexual assault, and improving services to survivors of
12 sexual assault;

13 (2) the Department of State Health Services, to
14 measure the prevalence of sexual assault in this state and for
15 grants to support programs assisting victims of human trafficking;

16 (3) the Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual
17 Assault or the Bureau of Business Research at The University of
18 Texas at Austin, to conduct research on all aspects of sexual
19 assault and domestic violence;

20 (4) Texas State University, for training and technical
21 assistance to independent school districts for campus safety;

22 (5) the office of the governor, for grants to support
23 sexual assault and human trafficking prosecution projects;

24 (6) the department [~~Department of Public Safety~~], to
25 support sexual assault training for commissioned officers;

26 (7) the comptroller's judiciary section, for
27 increasing the capacity of the sex offender civil commitment

1 program;

2 (8) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice:

3 (A) for pilot projects for monitoring sex
4 offenders on parole; and

5 (B) for increasing the number of adult
6 incarcerated sex offenders receiving treatment;

7 (9) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department [~~Youth~~
8 ~~Commission~~], for increasing the number of incarcerated juvenile sex
9 offenders receiving treatment;

10 (10) the comptroller, for the administration of the
11 fee imposed on sexually oriented businesses under Section 102.052,
12 Business & Commerce Code; [~~and~~]

13 (11) the supreme court, to be transferred to the Texas
14 [~~Equal~~] Access to Justice Foundation, or a similar entity, to
15 provide victim-related legal services to sexual assault victims,
16 including legal assistance with protective orders,
17 relocation-related matters, victim compensation, and actions to
18 secure privacy protections available to victims under law;

19 (12) any state agency or organization for the purpose
20 of conducting human trafficking enforcement programs; and

21 (13) any other designated state agency for the purpose
22 of preventing sexual assault or improving services for victims of
23 sexual assault.

24 SECTION 9. Section 614.104, Government Code, is amended by
25 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read
26 as follows:

27 (a) The volunteer fire department assistance fund is an

1 account in the general revenue fund and is composed of money
2 collected under Chapter 2007 [~~Article 5.102~~], Insurance Code, and
3 contributions to the fund from any other source.

4 (b) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (c) and
5 (d), money in the fund may be used only for a purpose under this
6 subchapter.

7 (d) Money in the fund may be appropriated for a contribution
8 to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System subject to
9 Section 865.015.

10 SECTION 10. Section 361.014(a), Health and Safety Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Revenue received by the commission under Section
13 361.013 shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of
14 the commission. Of that revenue, 66.7 percent is dedicated to the
15 commission's municipal solid waste permitting programs,
16 enforcement programs, and site remediation programs, and to pay for
17 activities that will enhance the state's solid waste management
18 program. The commission shall issue a biennial report to the
19 legislature describing in detail how the money was spent. The
20 activities to enhance the state's solid waste management program
21 may include:

22 (1) provision of funds for the municipal solid waste
23 management planning fund and the municipal solid waste resource
24 recovery applied research and technical assistance fund
25 established by the Comprehensive Municipal Solid Waste Management,
26 Resource Recovery, and Conservation Act (Chapter 363);

27 (2) conduct of demonstration projects and studies to

1 help local governments of various populations and the private
2 sector to convert to accounting systems and set rates that reflect
3 the full costs of providing waste management services and are
4 proportionate to the amount of waste generated;

5 (3) provision of technical assistance to local
6 governments concerning solid waste management;

7 (4) establishment of a solid waste resource center in
8 the commission and an office of waste minimization and recycling;

9 (5) provision of supplemental funding to local
10 governments for the enforcement of this chapter, the Texas Litter
11 Abatement Act (Chapter 365), and Chapters 391 and 683,
12 Transportation Code;

13 (6) conduct of a statewide public awareness program
14 concerning solid waste management;

15 (7) provision of supplemental funds for other state
16 agencies with responsibilities concerning solid waste management,
17 recycling, and other initiatives with the purpose of diverting
18 recyclable waste from landfills;

19 (8) conduct of research to promote the development and
20 stimulation of markets for recycled waste products;

21 (9) creation of a state municipal solid waste
22 superfund, from funds appropriated, for:

23 (A) the cleanup of unauthorized tire dumps and
24 solid waste dumps for which a responsible party cannot be located or
25 is not immediately financially able to provide the cleanup;

26 (B) the cleanup or proper closure of abandoned or
27 contaminated municipal solid waste sites for which a responsible

1 party is not immediately financially able to provide the cleanup;
2 and

3 (C) remediation, cleanup, and proper closure of
4 unauthorized recycling sites for which a responsible party is not
5 immediately financially able to perform the remediation, cleanup,
6 and closure;

7 (10) provision of funds to mitigate the economic and
8 environmental impacts of lead-acid battery recycling activities on
9 local governments; ~~and~~

10 (11) provision of funds for the conduct of research by
11 a public or private entity to assist the state in developing new
12 technologies and methods to reduce the amount of municipal waste
13 disposed of in landfills; and

14 (12) provision of funds for grants to encourage
15 entities located in an affected county or a nonattainment area, as
16 defined by Section 386.001, to convert heavy-duty vehicles used for
17 municipal solid waste collection into vehicles powered by natural
18 gas engines.

19 SECTION 11. Section 361.133, Health and Safety Code, is
20 amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

21 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), money in the account
22 attributable to fees imposed under Section 361.138 may be used for
23 environmental remediation at the site of a closed battery recycling
24 facility located in the municipal boundaries of a municipality with
25 a population of greater than 120,000. This subsection expires
26 September 30, 2016.

27 SECTION 12. Section 382.0622(a), Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (a) Clean Air Act fees consist of:

3 (1) fees collected by the commission under Sections
4 382.062, 382.0621, 382.202, and 382.302 and as otherwise provided
5 by law;

6 (2) \$2 from the portion of each fee collected for
7 inspections of vehicles other than mopeds and remitted to the state
8 under Sections [~~Section~~] 548.501 and 548.503, Transportation Code;
9 and

10 (3) fees collected that are required under Section 185
11 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7511d).

12 SECTION 13. Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended
13 by adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

14 SUBCHAPTER I. EMERGENCY MEDICAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

15 Sec. 773.221. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

16 (1) "Account" means the emergency medical air
17 transportation account created under Section 773.222.

18 (2) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
19 Commission.

20 (3) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of state
21 health services.

22 Sec. 773.222. EMERGENCY MEDICAL AIR TRANSPORTATION
23 ACCOUNT. (a) The emergency medical air transportation account is
24 established as a dedicated account in the general revenue fund. The
25 account is composed of:

26 (1) money deposited to the credit of the account under
27 Section 542.4031, Transportation Code; and

1 (2) notwithstanding Section 404.071, Government Code,
2 interest earned on the investment of money in the account and
3 depository interest allocable to the account.

4 (b) Money in the account may be appropriated only to the
5 department for the purposes described by Subsection (c).

6 (c) The commissioner may:

7 (1) use the money appropriated from the account to
8 provide funding, in addition to funding available from other
9 sources, for emergency medical air transportation; and

10 (2) after consulting with the executive commissioner,
11 transfer the money appropriated from the account to the commission
12 to:

13 (A) provide reimbursements under the medical
14 assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, to
15 providers of emergency medical air transportation services,
16 including reimbursement enhancements to the statewide dollar
17 amount rate used to reimburse designated air ambulance services
18 under the program; and

19 (B) maximize the receipt of federal funds under
20 the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources
21 Code, to the extent possible.

22 SECTION 14. The heading to Section 780.002, Health and
23 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 780.002. CERTAIN DEPOSITS TO ACCOUNT.

25 SECTION 15. Section 780.003(b), Health and Safety Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (b) The account is composed of money deposited to the credit

1 of the account under Sections 542.406 and 707.008, Transportation
2 Code, and under Section 780.002 of this code~~[, and the earnings of~~
3 ~~the account]~~.

4 SECTION 16. Section 2007.002, Insurance Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 2007.002. ASSESSMENT. The comptroller shall assess
7 against all insurers to which this chapter applies amounts for each
8 state fiscal year necessary, as determined by the commissioner, to
9 collect a combined total equal to the lesser of:

10 (1) the total amount that the General Appropriations
11 Act appropriates from the volunteer fire department assistance fund
12 account in the general revenue fund for that state fiscal year other
13 than appropriations for contributions to the Texas Emergency
14 Services Retirement System made under Section 614.104(d),
15 Government Code; or ~~[and]~~

16 (2) \$30 million.

17 SECTION 17. Section 81.0521(c), Natural Resources Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (c) The ~~[Two-thirds of the]~~ proceeds from this fee,
20 excluding any penalties collected in connection with the fee, shall
21 be deposited to the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund as
22 provided by Section 81.067.

23 SECTION 18. Section 81.067(c), Natural Resources Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (c) The fund consists of:

26 (1) proceeds from bonds and other financial security
27 required by this chapter and benefits under well-specific plugging

- 1 insurance policies described by Section 91.104(c) that are paid to
2 the state as contingent beneficiary of the policies, subject to the
3 refund provisions of Section 91.1091, if applicable;
- 4 (2) private contributions, including contributions
5 made under Section 89.084;
- 6 (3) expenses collected under Section 89.083;
- 7 (4) fees imposed under Section 85.2021;
- 8 (5) costs recovered under Section 91.457 or 91.459;
- 9 (6) proceeds collected under Sections 89.085 and
10 91.115;
- 11 (7) interest earned on the funds deposited in the
12 fund;
- 13 (8) oil and gas waste hauler permit application fees
14 collected under Section 29.015, Water Code;
- 15 (9) costs recovered under Section 91.113(f);
- 16 (10) hazardous oil and gas waste generation fees
17 collected under Section 91.605;
- 18 (11) oil-field cleanup regulatory fees on oil
19 collected under Section 81.116;
- 20 (12) oil-field cleanup regulatory fees on gas
21 collected under Section 81.117;
- 22 (13) fees for a reissued certificate collected under
23 Section 91.707;
- 24 (14) fees collected under Section 91.1013;
- 25 (15) fees collected under Section 89.088;
- 26 (16) fees collected under Section 91.142;
- 27 (17) fees collected under Section 91.654;

- 1 (18) costs recovered under Sections 91.656 and 91.657;
2 (19) [~~two-thirds of the~~] fees collected under Section
3 81.0521;
4 (20) fees collected under Sections 89.024 and 89.026;
5 (21) legislative appropriations;
6 (22) any surcharges collected under Section 81.070;
7 [~~and~~]
8 (23) fees collected under Section 91.0115;
9 (24) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
10 Section 81.112;
11 (25) fees collected under Subchapter E, Chapter 121,
12 Utilities Code; and
13 (26) fees collected under Section 27.0321, Water Code.

14 SECTION 19. Section 81.068, Natural Resources Code, as
15 amended by Chapters 835 (H.B. 7) and 1075 (H.B. 3309), Acts of the
16 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended
17 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 81.068. PURPOSES OF OIL AND GAS REGULATION AND CLEANUP
19 FUND. Money in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund may be
20 used by the commission or its employees or agents for any purpose
21 related to the regulation of oil and gas development, including oil
22 and gas monitoring and inspections, oil and gas remediation, and
23 oil and gas well plugging, the study and evaluation of electronic
24 access to geologic data and surface casing depths necessary to
25 protect usable groundwater in this state, alternative fuels
26 programs under Section 81.0681, the administration of pipeline
27 safety and regulatory programs, public information and services

1 related to those activities, and administrative costs and state
2 benefits for personnel involved in those activities.

3 SECTION 20. Section [81.112](#), Natural Resources Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 81.112. DISPOSITION OF TAX PROCEEDS. The tax shall be
6 deposited in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund as provided
7 by Section [81.067](#) [~~General Revenue Fund~~].

8 SECTION 21. Section [153.0535\(b\)](#), Occupations Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (b) The board shall deposit each surcharge collected to the
11 credit of the public assurance account. The public assurance
12 account is an account in the general revenue fund that shall be
13 appropriated only to the board to pay for the board's licensure and
14 enforcement programs [~~program~~], including the expert physician
15 panel.

16 SECTION 22. Sections [201.354\(d\)](#) and (g), Occupations Code,
17 are amended to read as follows:

18 (d) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or
19 less may renew the license by paying to the board a renewal fee that
20 is equal to [~~the sum of~~] 1-1/2 times the annual renewal fee set by
21 the board under Section [201.153\(a\)](#) [~~and the increase in that fee~~
22 ~~required by Section [201.153\(b\)](#)]~~. If a person's license has been
23 expired for more than 90 days but less than one year, the person may
24 renew the license by paying to the board a renewal fee that is equal
25 to [~~the sum of~~] two times the annual renewal fee set by the board
26 under Section [201.153\(a\)](#) [~~and the increase in that fee required by~~
27 ~~Section [201.153\(b\)](#)]~~.

1 (g) A person may renew a license that has been expired for at
2 least one year but not more than three years if:

3 (1) the board determines according to criteria adopted
4 by board rule that the person has shown good cause for the failure
5 to renew the license; and

6 (2) the person pays to the board:

7 (A) the annual renewal fee set by the board under
8 Section 201.153(a) for each year in which the license was expired;
9 and

10 (B) an additional fee in an amount equal to the
11 sum of:

12 (i) the annual renewal fee set by the board
13 under Section 201.153(a), multiplied by the number of years the
14 license was expired, prorated for fractional years; and

15 (ii) two times the annual renewal fee set by
16 the board under Section 201.153(a) [~~and~~

17 [~~(C) the increase in the annual renewal fee~~
18 ~~required by Section 201.153(b)].~~

19 SECTION 23. Section 351.304(b), Occupations Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (b) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or
22 less may renew the license by paying to the board a renewal fee that
23 is equal to [~~the sum of~~] one and one-half times the annual renewal
24 fee set by the board under Section 351.152 [~~and the additional fee~~
25 ~~required by Section 351.153)]. If a person's license has been
26 expired for more than 90 days but less than one year, the person may
27 renew the license by paying to the board a renewal fee that is equal~~

1 to [~~the sum of~~] two times the annual renewal fee set by the board
2 under Section 351.152 [~~and the additional fee required by Section~~
3 ~~351.153~~].

4 SECTION 24. Section 351.306(b), Occupations Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (b) The person must pay to the board a fee that is equal to
7 the amount of the renewal fee set by the board under Section 351.152
8 [~~351.153(a)~~].

9 SECTION 25. Sections 801.303(b) and (c), Occupations Code,
10 are amended to read as follows:

11 (b) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or
12 less may renew the license by paying to the board a renewal fee that
13 is equal to [~~the sum of~~] 1-1/2 times the renewal fee set by the board
14 under Section 801.154(a) [~~and the additional fee required by~~
15 ~~Section 801.154(b), if applicable~~].

16 (c) A person whose license has been expired for more than 90
17 days but less than one year may renew the license by paying to the
18 board a renewal fee that is equal to [~~the sum of~~] two times the
19 renewal fee set by the board under Section 801.154(a) [~~and the~~
20 ~~additional fee required by Section 801.154(b), if applicable~~].

21 SECTION 26. Section 801.305(b), Occupations Code, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (b) The person must pay to the board a fee that is equal to
24 the amount of the renewal fee set by the board under Section
25 801.154(a) [~~and the additional fee required by Section 801.154(b)~~].

26 SECTION 27. Section 901.155(a), Occupations Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The fee for the issuance or renewal of a license under
2 this chapter consists of:

3 (1) the amount of the fee set by the board under
4 Section 901.154; and

5 (2) [~~the fee increase imposed under Section 901.406,~~
6 ~~and~~

7 [~~3~~] an additional \$10 annual fee to be deposited to
8 the credit of the scholarship trust fund for fifth-year accounting
9 students.

10 SECTION 28. Section 901.405(f), Occupations Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (f) A person who was licensed in this state, moved to
13 another state, and is currently licensed and has been in practice in
14 the other state for the two years preceding the date of application
15 may obtain a new license without reexamination. A person described
16 by this subsection whose license has been revoked under Section
17 901.502(3) or (4) may obtain a new license under this subsection. A
18 person described by this subsection must pay to the board a fee that
19 is equal to two times the normally required renewal fee for the
20 license [~~and is not subject to additional fees under Section~~
21 ~~901.408~~].

22 SECTION 29. Section 901.408(a), Occupations Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a) A person, other than a person described by Section
25 901.405(f), who fails to pay the license renewal fee [~~or the~~
26 ~~additional fee imposed under Section 901.407, as applicable,~~] and
27 any late fee before the first anniversary of the due date of the

1 renewal fee [~~or additional fee~~] may renew the person's license only
2 by submitting to the board an application for renewal accompanied
3 by payment of:

- 4 (1) all accrued fees, including late fees; and
- 5 (2) the direct administrative costs incurred by the
6 board in renewing the person's license.

7 SECTION 30. Sections 1001.353(b) and (c), Occupations Code,
8 are amended to read as follows:

9 (b) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or
10 less may renew the license by paying to the board the required
11 annual renewal fee and [~~7~~] a late renewal fee [~~7~~ and any applicable
12 ~~increase in fees as required by Section 1001.206~~].

13 (c) A person whose license has been expired for more than 90
14 days but less than two years may renew the license by paying to the
15 board the required annual renewal fee and [~~7~~] a late renewal fee [~~7~~
16 ~~and any applicable increase in fees as required by Section~~
17 ~~1001.206~~] for each delinquent year or part of a year.

18 SECTION 31. Section 1001.355(d), Occupations Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (d) To return to active status, a license holder on inactive
21 status must:

22 (1) file with the board a written notice requesting
23 reinstatement to active status;

24 (2) pay the fee for the annual renewal of the license
25 [~~and the fee increase required by Section 1001.206~~]; and

26 (3) provide evidence satisfactory to the board that
27 the person has complied with the continuing education requirements

1 adopted by the board.

2 SECTION 32. Section 1101.154(a), Occupations Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The fee for the issuance or renewal of a:

5 (1) broker license is the amount of the fee set under
6 Section [Sections] 1101.152 [and 1101.153] and an additional \$70
7 [\$20] fee;

8 (2) salesperson license is the amount of the fee set
9 under Section 1101.152 and an additional \$20 fee; and

10 (3) certificate of registration is the amount of the
11 fee set under Section 1101.152 and an additional \$20 fee.

12 SECTION 33. Section 1105.003(d), Occupations Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (d) All [~~Except as provided by Subsection (e), all~~] fees and
15 funds collected by the commission or the board and any funds
16 appropriated to the commission or the board shall be deposited in
17 interest-bearing deposit accounts in the Texas Treasury
18 Safekeeping Trust Company. The comptroller shall contract with
19 the commission and the board for the maintenance of the deposit
20 accounts under terms comparable to a contract between a commercial
21 banking institution and the institution's customers.

22 SECTION 34. Section 1701.156, Occupations Code, is amended
23 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

24 (c) The Department of Public Safety may use money
25 appropriated to the department from the account to award grants to
26 local law enforcement agencies for training on incident-based
27 reporting systems to be used for reporting information and

1 statistics concerning criminal offenses committed in this state.
2 The department shall adopt rules governing the award of grants by
3 the department under this subsection.

4 SECTION 35. Section 1701.157, Occupations Code, is amended
5 by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

6 (a-1) Subsection (a) does not apply to money appropriated to
7 the Department of Public Safety from the account for the purpose of
8 awarding grants to local law enforcement agencies for training on
9 incident-based reporting systems under Section 1701.156(c).

10 SECTION 36. Section 2001.502, Occupations Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 2001.502. PRIZE TAX [~~FEF~~]. (a) A licensed authorized
13 organization shall[+]

14 [~~(1)~~] collect from a person who wins a cash bingo prize
15 of more than \$5 a tax [~~fee~~] in the amount of five percent of the
16 amount [~~or value~~] of the prize. Each quarter, the licensed
17 authorized organization shall:

18 (1) if a county or municipality in which the bingo game
19 is conducted voted to impose the prize tax before November 1,
20 2015: [~~, and~~]

21 (A) [~~(2)~~] remit a tax [~~to the commission a fee~~]
22 in the amount of 50 [~~five~~] percent of the amount collected as the
23 prize tax under this subsection to:

24 (i) the county in which the bingo game is
25 conducted, if the county voted to impose the tax by that date and
26 the location at which the bingo game is conducted is not within the
27 limits of a municipality that voted to impose the tax before that

1 date;

2 (ii) the municipality in which the bingo
3 game is conducted, if the municipality voted to impose the tax by
4 that date and the county in which the bingo game is conducted did
5 not vote to impose the tax before that date; or

6 (iii) in equal shares, the county and the
7 municipality in which the bingo game is conducted, if the county and
8 the municipality each voted to impose the tax before that date; and

9 (B) deposit the remainder of the taxes collected
10 under this subsection in the general fund of the organization; or

11 (2) if a county or municipality is not entitled to a
12 percentage of the amount of taxes collected under this subsection,
13 deposit the taxes collected in the general fund of the organization
14 [~~or value of all bingo prizes awarded~~].

15 (b) A county or a municipality is entitled to vote to impose
16 the tax described by Subsection (a) if the county or municipality:

17 (1) imposed a gross receipts tax on the conduct of
18 bingo as of January 1, 1993; and

19 (2) the governing body of the county or the
20 municipality voted before November 1, 2015, to impose the tax.

21 (c) A governing body of a county or municipality that voted
22 to impose the prize tax under Subsection (a) may at any time vote to
23 discontinue the imposition of the tax.

24 (d) No later than October 1, 2015, the commission shall
25 notify each county and municipality that was eligible to receive a
26 share of the prize fee required by law prior to September 1, 2015,
27 that the governing body of the county or municipality must vote

1 before November 1, 2015, if the county or municipality will impose
2 the tax after January 1, 2016. A governing body that votes before
3 November 1, 2015, to impose the prize tax required by Subsection (a)
4 shall notify each licensed authorized organization that conducts
5 bingo within the county or municipality of the governing body's
6 decision and the address and department or official to whom the tax
7 shall be remitted.

8 (e) The tax required under Subsection (a) does not apply to
9 a merchandise prize, including bingo cards, bingo pull-tabs, use of
10 a card-minder, bingo daubers, and other bingo merchandise awarded
11 as a prize for winning a bingo game.

12 (f)(1) Except as provided in this section, Subchapter K does
13 not apply to the tax required by Subsection (a).

14 (2) A county and municipality that imposes the tax
15 required by Subsection (a) has a cause of action for collection of
16 the prize tax if all or part of the prize tax is unpaid within 30
17 days of the end of the calendar quarter in which the prize tax was
18 collected.

19 (3) If the commission audits a licensed authorized
20 organization, the commission shall report to a county or
21 municipality any discrepancy between the amount of the prize tax
22 remitted to the county or municipality under this section and the
23 amount of prizes awarded during the conduct of bingo in a calendar
24 quarter times the rate of the tax.

25 SECTION 37. Section 151.0515(b), Tax Code, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (b) In each county in this state, a surcharge is imposed on

1 the retail sale, lease, or rental of new or used equipment in an
2 amount equal to 1.5 [~~two~~] percent of the sale price or the lease or
3 rental amount.

4 SECTION 38. Section 155.2415, Tax Code, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Sec. 155.2415. ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN REVENUE TO PROPERTY
7 TAX RELIEF FUND AND CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS. (a) Notwithstanding
8 Section 155.241, the proceeds from the collection of taxes imposed
9 by Section 155.0211 shall be allocated as follows:

10 (1) the amount of the proceeds that is equal to the
11 amount that, if the taxes imposed by Section 155.0211 were imposed
12 at a rate of 40 percent of the manufacturer's list price, exclusive
13 of any trade discount, special discount, or deal, would be
14 attributable to the portion of that tax rate in excess of 35.213
15 percent, shall be deposited to the credit of the property tax relief
16 fund under Section 403.109, Government Code;

17 (2) the amount of the proceeds that is equal to the
18 amount that would be attributable to a tax rate of 35.213 percent of
19 the manufacturer's list price, exclusive of any trade discount,
20 special discount, or deal, if the taxes were imposed by Section
21 155.0211 at that rate, shall be deposited to the credit of the
22 general revenue fund; and

23 (3) 100 percent of the remaining proceeds shall be
24 deposited to the credit of:

25 (A) the physician education loan repayment
26 program account established under Subchapter J, Chapter 61,
27 Education Code; or

1 (B) the general revenue fund, if the comptroller
2 determines that the unencumbered beginning balance of the physician
3 education loan repayment account established under Subchapter J,
4 Chapter 61, Education Code, is sufficient to fund appropriations
5 and other direct and indirect costs from that account for the
6 fulfillment of existing and expected physician loan repayment
7 commitments during the current state fiscal biennium.

8 (b) Proceeds deposited in accordance with Subsection
9 (a)(3)(B) may be appropriated only for health care purposes.

10 SECTION 39. Section [504.6012](#), Transportation Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 504.6012. ELIMINATION OF DEDICATED REVENUE ACCOUNTS;
13 REVENUES IN TRUST. (a) Notwithstanding any other law [~~provision of~~
14 ~~this subchapter~~], not later than September 30, 2015 [~~2013~~], the
15 comptroller shall eliminate all dedicated accounts established for
16 specialty license plates [~~under this subchapter~~] and shall set
17 aside the balances of those dedicated accounts so that the balances
18 may be appropriated only for the purposes intended as provided by
19 the dedications.

20 (b) On and after September 1, 2015 [~~2013~~], the portion of a
21 fee payable [~~under this subchapter~~] that is designated for deposit
22 to a dedicated account shall be paid instead to the credit of an
23 account in a trust fund created by the comptroller outside the
24 general revenue fund. The comptroller shall administer the trust
25 fund and accounts and may allocate the corpus and earnings on each
26 account only in accordance with the dedications of the revenue
27 deposited to the trust fund accounts.

1 SECTION 40. Section 521.421(b), Transportation Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (b) The fee for renewal of a Class M license or for renewal
4 of a license that includes authorization to operate a motorcycle is
5 \$27 [~~\$32~~].

6 SECTION 41. Section 521.421(f), Transportation Code, as
7 added by Chapter 1156 (S.B. 99), Acts of the 75th Legislature,
8 Regular Session, 1997, is amended to read as follows:

9 (f) An applicant applying for additional authorization to
10 operate a motorcycle shall pay a \$10 [~~\$15~~] fee for the required
11 application.

12 SECTION 42. Section 521.421(f), Transportation Code, as
13 added by Chapter 1372 (H.B. 1200), Acts of the 75th Legislature,
14 Regular Session, 1997, is redesignated as Section 521.421(f-1),
15 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

16 (f-1) [~~(f)~~] If a Class A, B, or C driver's license includes
17 an authorization to operate a motorcycle or moped, the fee for the
18 driver's license is increased by \$3 [~~\$8~~].

19 SECTION 43. Section 521.427(b), Transportation Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to:

22 (1) [~~the portion of a fee collected under Section~~
23 ~~521.421(b) or Section 521.421(f), as added by Chapter 1156, Acts of~~
24 ~~the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, that is required by~~
25 ~~Section 662.011 to be deposited to the credit of the motorcycle~~
26 ~~education fund account,~~

27 [~~(2)~~] a fee collected under Section 521.421(j); or

1 (2) [~~(3)~~] a fee collected under Section 521.422(b) or
2 (c).

3 SECTION 44. Section 522.029(f), Transportation Code, as
4 added by Chapter 1156 (S.B. 99), Acts of the 75th Legislature,
5 Regular Session, 1997, is amended to read as follows:

6 (f) The fee for renewal of a commercial driver's license or
7 a commercial driver learner's permit that includes authorization to
8 operate a motorcycle is \$40 [~~\$45~~].

9 SECTION 45. Section 522.029(f), Transportation Code, as
10 added by Chapter 1372 (H.B. 1200), Acts of the 75th Legislature,
11 Regular Session, 1997, is redesignated as Section 522.029(f-1),
12 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

13 (f-1) [~~(f)~~] If a commercial driver's license or commercial
14 driver learner's permit includes an authorization to operate a
15 motorcycle or moped, the fee for the driver's license or permit is
16 increased by \$3 [~~\$8~~].

17 SECTION 46. Section 522.029(i), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (i) Each [~~Except as provided by Section 662.011, each~~] fee
20 collected under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the
21 Texas mobility fund.

22 SECTION 47. Section 542.4031(g), Transportation Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (g) Of the money received by the comptroller under this
25 section, the comptroller shall deposit:

26 (1) 50 [~~67~~] percent to the credit of the undedicated
27 portion of the general revenue fund; [~~and~~]

1 (2) 33 percent to the credit of the designated trauma
2 facility and emergency medical services account under Section
3 780.003, Health and Safety Code; and

4 (3) 17 percent to the credit of the designated
5 emergency medical air transportation account under Section
6 773.222, Health and Safety Code.

7 SECTION 48. Section 542.406(c), Transportation Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (c) Not later than the 60th day after the end of a local
10 authority's fiscal year, after deducting amounts the local
11 authority is authorized by Subsection (d) to retain, the local
12 authority shall:

13 (1) send 50 percent of the revenue derived from civil
14 or administrative penalties collected by the local authority under
15 this section to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the
16 designated [~~regional~~] trauma facility and emergency medical
17 services account established under Section 780.003 [~~782.002~~],
18 Health and Safety Code; and

19 (2) deposit the remainder of the revenue in a special
20 account in the local authority's treasury that may be used only to
21 fund traffic safety programs, including pedestrian safety
22 programs, public safety programs, intersection improvements, and
23 traffic enforcement.

24 SECTION 49. Section 707.008(a), Transportation Code, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (a) Not later than the 60th day after the end of a local
27 authority's fiscal year, after deducting amounts the local

1 authority is authorized by Subsection (b) to retain, the local
2 authority shall:

3 (1) send 50 percent of the revenue derived from civil
4 or administrative penalties collected by the local authority under
5 this section to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the
6 designated [~~regional~~] trauma facility and emergency medical
7 services account established under Section 780.003 [~~782.002~~],
8 Health and Safety Code; and

9 (2) deposit the remainder of the revenue in a special
10 account in the local authority's treasury that may be used only to
11 fund traffic safety programs, including pedestrian safety
12 programs, public safety programs, intersection improvements, and
13 traffic enforcement.

14 SECTION 50. Section 708.103, Transportation Code, is
15 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to
16 read as follows:

17 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the [~~The~~] amount
18 of a surcharge under this section is \$250 per year.

19 (c) The amount of a surcharge under this section is \$125 per
20 year if the person:

21 (1) has been convicted of an offense under Section
22 601.191, and no other offense described by Subsection (a); and

23 (2) establishes financial responsibility under
24 Section 601.051 not later than the 60th day after the date of the
25 offense through a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that:

26 (A) complies with Subchapter D, Chapter 601; and

27 (B) is prepaid and valid for at least a six-month

1 period.

2 SECTION 51. Section 708.104, Transportation Code, is
3 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to
4 read as follows:

5 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), the ~~[The]~~ amount
6 of a surcharge under this section is \$100 per year.

7 (b-1) The amount of a surcharge under this section is \$50
8 per year if the person obtains a driver's license not later than the
9 60th day after the date of the offense.

10 SECTION 52. Section 16.001, Utilities Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 16.001. UTILITY GROSS RECEIPTS ASSESSMENT ~~[ON PUBLIC~~
13 ~~UTILITIES]~~. (a) To defray the expenses incurred in the
14 administration of this title, the commission shall impose ~~[an~~
15 ~~assessment is imposed]~~ on each public utility, retail electric
16 provider, and electric cooperative under ~~[within]~~ the jurisdiction
17 of the commission that serves the ultimate consumer, including each
18 interexchange telecommunications carrier, an annual utility gross
19 receipts assessment in an amount determined as provided by
20 Subsection (b).

21 (b) The commission shall impose the assessment on each
22 public utility, retail electric provider, electric cooperative,
23 and interexchange telecommunications carrier so that each entity's
24 share of the aggregate amount of the assessments due bears the same
25 proportion to that aggregate amount as that entity's amount of
26 gross receipts from rates charged to the ultimate consumer bears to
27 the total of the gross receipts from rates charged to the ultimate

1 consumer in this state by all of the entities on which the
2 assessment is imposed. The commission shall revise the assessments
3 as necessary to result in the aggregate amount of assessments due
4 under this section being [~~An assessment under this section is~~]
5 equal to the lesser of:

6 (1) an amount, as determined by the commission, equal
7 to one-sixth of one percent of the total of the [~~public utility's,~~
8 ~~retail electric provider's, or electric cooperative's~~] gross
9 receipts from rates charged to the ultimate consumer in this state
10 by entities on which the assessments are imposed; or

11 (2) an amount, as determined by the commission, equal
12 to the total of amounts appropriated to the commission and to the
13 office from the utility gross receipts assessment account for the
14 state fiscal year in which the assessments are due.

15 (c) An interexchange telecommunications carrier that does
16 not provide local exchange telephone service may collect the
17 assessment [~~fee~~] imposed under this section as an additional item
18 separately stated on the customer bill as "utility gross receipts
19 assessment."

20 SECTION 53. Section 16.004, Utilities Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 Sec. 16.004. COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT [~~BY COMPTROLLER~~]. The
23 comptroller shall:

24 (1) collect the assessments [~~assessment~~] and any
25 penalty or interest due under this subchapter; and

26 (2) deposit the assessments, penalties, and interest
27 collected under this subchapter to the credit of the utility gross

1 receipts assessment account.

2 SECTION 54. Subchapter A, Chapter 16, Utilities Code, is
3 amended by adding Section 16.005 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 16.005. UTILITY GROSS RECEIPTS ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

5 (a) The utility gross receipts assessment account is an account in
6 the general revenue fund.

7 (b) Money in the account may be appropriated only to the
8 commission or the office for the administration of this title.

9 SECTION 55. Section 39.9039(b), Utilities Code, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 (b) Notwithstanding Section 39.903(e), money in the system
12 benefit fund may be appropriated:

13 (1) for the state fiscal year beginning September 1,
14 2013, a program established by the commission to assist low-income
15 electric customers by providing a reduced rate for the months of
16 September, 2013, and May through August, 2014, in the manner
17 prescribed by Section 39.903(h) at a rate of up to 82 percent;

18 (2) for the state fiscal year beginning September 1,
19 2014, a program established by the commission to assist low-income
20 electric customers by providing a reduced rate for the months of
21 September, 2014, and May through August, 2015, in the manner
22 prescribed by Section 39.903(h) at a rate of up to 15 percent;

23 (3) for the state fiscal year beginning September 1,
24 2015, a program established by the commission to assist low-income
25 electric customers by providing a reduced rate [~~for the months of~~
26 ~~September, 2015, and May through August, 2016,~~] in the manner
27 prescribed by Section 39.903(h) at a rate the commission determines

1 is necessary to exhaust the system benefit fund [~~of up to 15~~
2 ~~percent~~]; and

3 (4) for customer education programs and
4 administrative expenses incurred by the commission in implementing
5 and administering this chapter.

6 SECTION 56. Section 121.211(h), Utilities Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (h) A fee collected under this section shall be deposited to
9 the credit of the oil and gas regulation and cleanup [~~general~~
10 ~~revenue~~] fund as provided by Section 81.067, Natural Resources Code
11 [~~to be used for the pipeline safety and regulatory program~~].

12 SECTION 57. Section 26.3574(b-1), Water Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (b-1) The commission by rule shall set the amount of the fee
15 in Subsection (b) in an amount not to exceed the amount necessary to
16 cover the agency's costs of administering this subchapter, as
17 indicated by the amount appropriated by the legislature from the
18 petroleum storage tank remediation account for that purpose, not
19 including any amount appropriated by the legislature from the
20 petroleum storage tank remediation account for the purpose of the
21 monitoring or remediation of releases occurring on or before
22 December 22, 1998.

23 SECTION 58. Section 27.0321, Water Code, is amended to read
24 as follows:

25 Sec. 27.0321. APPLICATION FEE. (a) With each application
26 for an oil and gas waste disposal well permit, the applicant shall
27 submit to the railroad commission a nonrefundable fee of \$100.

1 (b) The fee collected under this section shall be deposited
2 to the credit of the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund as
3 provided by Section 81.067, Natural Resources Code.

4 SECTION 59. Section 10(e), Article 4413(37), Revised
5 Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

6 (e) The Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority
7 trust fund is created as a trust fund in the state treasury. Fifty
8 percent of each fee collected under Subsection (b) shall be
9 deposited to the credit of the trust fund. The comptroller shall
10 administer the trust fund as trustee on behalf of the authority. The
11 comptroller shall allocate all money in the trust fund ~~[may be~~
12 ~~appropriated only to the authority]~~ for the purposes of this
13 article.

14 SECTION 60. The following provisions of law, including
15 provisions amended by S.B. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature,
16 Regular Session, 2015, are repealed:

- 17 (1) Section 102.055, Business & Commerce Code;
- 18 (2) Section 56.459(f), Education Code;
- 19 (3) Section 56.465, Education Code;
- 20 (4) Section 61.539, Education Code;
- 21 (5) Section 780.003(c), Health and Safety Code;
- 22 (6) Chapter 782, Health and Safety Code;
- 23 (7) Section 81.113, Natural Resources Code;
- 24 (8) Section 153.053, Occupations Code;
- 25 (9) Sections 201.153(b) and (c), Occupations Code;
- 26 (10) Section 254.004(b), Occupations Code;
- 27 (11) Section 351.153, Occupations Code;

- 1 (12) Section 501.153, Occupations Code;
- 2 (13) Sections 801.154(b), (c), and (d), Occupations
- 3 Code;
- 4 (14) Section 901.406, Occupations Code;
- 5 (15) Section 901.407, Occupations Code;
- 6 (16) Section 901.410, Occupations Code;
- 7 (17) Section 1001.206, Occupations Code;
- 8 (18) Section 1051.652, Occupations Code;
- 9 (19) Section 1052.0541, Occupations Code;
- 10 (20) Section 1053.0521, Occupations Code;
- 11 (21) Section 1071.1521, Occupations Code;
- 12 (22) Section 1101.153, Occupations Code;
- 13 (23) Section 1105.003(e), Occupations Code;
- 14 (24) Section 1152.053, Occupations Code;
- 15 (25) Subchapter H, Chapter 191, Tax Code;
- 16 (26) Section 662.011, Transportation Code;
- 17 (27) Section 1001.151(c), Transportation Code; and
- 18 (28) Section 41, The Securities Act (Article 581-41,
- 19 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

20 SECTION 61. The following sections of Chapter 2001,

21 Occupations Code, are repealed:

- 22 (1) Section 2001.503; and
- 23 (2) Section 2001.507.

24 SECTION 62. Not later than January 1, 2016, the Department

25 of Public Safety shall adopt rules as required by Section

26 1701.156(c), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

27 SECTION 63. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections

1 708.103 and 708.104, Transportation Code, apply to a surcharge
2 pending on the effective date of this Act, regardless of when the
3 surcharge was assessed.

4 SECTION 64. Not later than the 90th day of the state fiscal
5 year beginning September 1, 2015, the comptroller shall transfer
6 any remaining balance in the educator excellence innovation fund
7 account No. 5135 to the credit of the general revenue fund.

8 SECTION 65. Not later than the 90th day of the state fiscal
9 year beginning September 1, 2015, the comptroller shall transfer
10 any remaining balance in the regional trauma account No. 5137 to the
11 credit of the designated trauma facility and EMS account No. 5111 in
12 the general revenue fund.

13 SECTION 66. Not later than the 90th day of the state fiscal
14 year beginning September 1, 2015, the comptroller shall transfer
15 any remaining balance in the motorcycle education account No. 0501
16 to the credit of the general revenue fund.

17 SECTION 67. (a) Notwithstanding Section 2007.002,
18 Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, for the state fiscal years
19 beginning September 1, 2015, and beginning September 1, 2016, the
20 comptroller shall assess against all insurers to which Chapter
21 2007, Insurance Code, applies amounts for that state fiscal year
22 necessary, as determined by the commissioner of insurance, to
23 collect a combined total equal to the lesser of:

24 (1) the total amount that the General Appropriations
25 Act appropriates from the volunteer fire department assistance fund
26 account in the general revenue fund for that state fiscal year other
27 than:

1 (A) appropriations for contributions to the
2 Texas Emergency Services Retirement System made under Section
3 614.104(d), Government Code, as added by this Act; and

4 (B) appropriations to the Texas A&M Forest
5 Service for grants to volunteer fire departments in a total amount
6 not to exceed \$11,500,000; or

7 (2) \$30 million.

8 (b) This section expires September 1, 2017.

9 SECTION 68. (a) The changes in law made to Sections 52.91
10 and 56.463, Education Code, apply beginning with tuition charged
11 for the 2015 fall semester.

12 (b) Tuition charged for any semester or other academic term
13 before the 2015 fall semester is covered by the applicable law as it
14 existed before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
15 continued in effect for that purpose.

16 SECTION 69. Section 542.4031(g), Transportation Code, as
17 amended by this Act, applies only to the distribution of revenue
18 collected on or after the effective date of this Act. The
19 distribution of revenue collected before the effective date of this
20 Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the revenue was
21 collected, and that law is continued in effect for the purpose of
22 the distribution of that revenue.

23 SECTION 70. (a) The changes in law made by the amendment of
24 Section 16.001, Utilities Code, by this Act are applicable only to
25 an assessment made under that section to be due on or after August
26 15, 2017, as provided by Section 16.002, Utilities Code. An
27 assessment due before that date is governed by the law as it existed

1 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 (b) Notwithstanding Section 16.001, Utilities Code, as
4 amended by this Act, if the Public Utilities Commission does not
5 take action to determine the amount of assessments under that
6 section to be due August 15, 2017, following the method described by
7 Section 16.001(b), as amended by this Act, the commission shall
8 impose the assessment under Section 16.001 as that provision
9 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that
10 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 71. The changes in law made by this Act do not
12 affect a surcharge, additional fee, additional charge, fee
13 increase, tax, or late fee imposed before the effective date of this
14 Act, and the law in effect before the effective date of this Act is
15 continued in effect for purposes of the liability for and
16 collection of those surcharges, additional fees, additional
17 charges, fee increases, taxes, and late fees.

18 SECTION 72. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.