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H.B. No. 401

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain fees deposited to the credit of the state highway fund; increasing motor vehicle registration fees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 222, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 222.0015 to read as follows:

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

(a) This section applies only to money deposited to the credit of the state highway fund from the collection of registration fees under Sections 502.251, 502.252, 502.253, and 502.254 attributable to the portion of the applicable rates of those fees that exceed the rates in effect on August 31, 2015.

(b) Notwithstanding other law, including Sections 201.115, 222.001, and 222.003, money described by Subsection (a):

(1) may not be pledged for the repayment of bonds; and

(2) may be used only for acquiring rights-of-way and planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining nontolled public roadways.

SECTION 2. (a) 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 \$45 [~~\$30~~].

(b) Effective January 1, 2018, Section 502.251,

1 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

2 Sec. 502.251. FEE: MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED. The fee for a
3 registration year for registration of a motorcycle or moped is \$60
4 [~~\$30~~].

5 SECTION 3. (a) Section 502.252(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
8 vehicle with a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less is \$75 [~~\$50.75~~],
9 unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

10 (b) Effective January 1, 2018, Section 502.252(a),
11 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
13 vehicle with a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less is \$100
14 [~~\$50.75~~], unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

15 SECTION 4. Effective January 1, 2017, Section 502.253,
16 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

21	Weight Classification	Fee Schedule
22	in pounds	
23	6,001-10,000	<u>\$110</u> [\$54.00]
24	10,001-18,000	<u>\$220</u> [\$110.00]
25	18,001-25,999	<u>\$410</u> [\$205.00]
26	26,000-40,000	<u>\$680</u> [\$340.00]
27	40,001-54,999	<u>\$1,070</u> [\$535.00]

1 55,000-70,000 \$1,480 [~~\$740.00~~]

2 70,001-80,000 \$1,680 [~~\$840.00~~]

3 SECTION 5. Effective January 1, 2017, Section 502.254(a),
4 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
6 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a gross weight of
7 6,000 pounds or less is \$90 [~~\$45.00~~].

8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016, but only
9 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 84th Legislature,
10 Regular Session, 2015, limiting the permissible uses of the state
11 highway fund, including further limiting the use of additional tax
12 and fee revenue attributable to changes to certain state taxes and
13 fees, to increase revenue for nontolled public highway purposes is
14 approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the
15 voters, this Act has no effect.