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H.B. No. 1437

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain dedicated accounts in the general revenue fund that fund trauma facilities and emergency medical services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 542.406(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Section 707.008(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than the 60th day after the end of a local

1 authority's fiscal year, after deducting amounts the local  
2 authority is authorized by Subsection (b) to retain, the local  
3 authority shall:

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

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

15 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 780.002, Health and  
16 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 780.002. CERTAIN DEPOSITS TO ACCOUNT.

18 SECTION 4. Section 780.003(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (b) The account is composed of money deposited to the credit  
21 of the account under Sections 542.406 and 707.008, Transportation  
22 Code, and under Section 780.002 of this code[~~, and the earnings of~~  
23 ~~the account~~].

24 SECTION 5. The following laws are repealed:

25 (1) Section 780.003(c), Health and Safety Code; and

26 (2) Chapter 782, Health and Safety Code.

27 SECTION 6. On the effective date of this Act:

1           (1) the regional trauma account established under  
2 Chapter 782, Health and Safety Code, is abolished; and

3           (2) any unexpended and unobligated balance of money in  
4 the regional trauma account is transferred to the designated trauma  
5 facility and emergency medical services account established under  
6 Section [780.003](#), Health and Safety Code.

7           SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.