

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 2671

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the suspension of a driver's license or denial of a  
3 driver's license renewal for failure to pay a debt owed to a  
4 governmental entity or failure to appear in court.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 103.0213, Government Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 103.0213. ADDITIONAL FEES AND COSTS IN CRIMINAL OR  
9 CIVIL CASES: TRANSPORTATION CODE. An accused or defendant, or a  
10 party to a civil suit, as applicable, shall pay the following fees  
11 and costs under the Transportation Code if ordered by the court or  
12 otherwise required:

13 (1) administrative fee on dismissal of charge of  
14 driving with an expired motor vehicle registration (Sec. 502.407,  
15 Transportation Code) . . . not to exceed \$20; and

16 (2) administrative fee on dismissal of charge of  
17 driving with an expired driver's license (Sec. 521.026,  
18 Transportation Code) . . . not to exceed \$20[+]

19 [~~(3) administrative fee for failure to appear for a~~  
20 ~~complaint or citation on certain offenses (Sec. 706.006,~~  
21 ~~Transportation Code) . . . \$30 for each violation; and~~

22 [~~(4) administrative fee for failure to pay or satisfy~~  
23 ~~certain judgments (Sec. 706.006, Transportation Code) . . . \$30].~~

24 SECTION 2. Section 133.003, Local Government Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2           Sec. 133.003. CRIMINAL FEES. This chapter applies to the  
3 following criminal fees:

4           (1) the consolidated fee imposed under Section  
5 [133.102](#);

6           (2) the time payment fee imposed under Section  
7 [133.103](#);

8           (3) fees for services of peace officers employed by  
9 the state imposed under Article [102.011](#), Code of Criminal  
10 Procedure, and forwarded to the comptroller as provided by Section  
11 [133.104](#);

12           (4) costs on conviction imposed in certain statutory  
13 county courts under Section [51.702](#), Government Code, and deposited  
14 in the judicial fund;

15           (5) costs on conviction imposed in certain county  
16 courts under Section [51.703](#), Government Code, and deposited in the  
17 judicial fund;

18           (6) ~~[the administrative fee for failure to appear or~~  
19 ~~failure to pay or satisfy a judgment imposed under Section [706.006](#),~~  
20 ~~Transportation Code,~~

21           ~~[(7)]~~ fines on conviction imposed under Section  
22 [621.506\(g\)](#), Transportation Code;

23           (7) ~~[(8)]~~ the fee imposed under Article [102.0045](#), Code  
24 of Criminal Procedure;

25           (8) ~~[(9)]~~ the cost on conviction imposed under Section  
26 [133.105](#) and deposited in the judicial fund; and

27           (9) ~~[(10)]~~ the cost on conviction imposed under

1 Section 133.107.

2 SECTION 3. Section 708.151(c), Transportation Code, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (c) If on or before the 45th day after the date the first  
5 notice was sent the person fails to pay the amount of the surcharge  
6 or fails to enter into an installment payment agreement with the  
7 department, the department shall send a second notice. ~~[If on or  
8 before the 60th day after the date the second notice was sent the  
9 person fails to pay the amount of the surcharge or fails to enter  
10 into an installment payment agreement with the department, the  
11 department shall send a third notice that advises the person that  
12 the person's driving privileges are suspended.]~~

13 SECTION 4. The following provisions of the Transportation  
14 Code are repealed:

15 (1) Chapter 706; and

16 (2) Sections 521.317, 521.3452(b), 708.152, and  
17 708.154(b) and (c).

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