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S.B. No. 57

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information collected by a regional tollway authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 366.178(b-1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) As an alternative to requiring payment of a toll at the time a vehicle is driven or towed through a toll assessment facility, the authority shall use video recordings, photography, electronic data, transponders, or other tolling methods to permit the registered owner of the nonpaying vehicle to pay the toll at a later date or provide toll exemptions. Information collected under this subsection, including contact, payment and other account information and trip data, is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Sections 366.179(a) and (d), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) For purposes of this section, a transponder is a device placed on or within a motor vehicle [~~an automobile~~] that is capable of transmitting or receiving information used to assess or collect tolls or provide toll exemptions. A transponder is insufficiently funded if there is no money in the account for which the transponder was issued.

(d) Transponder [~~customer~~] account information, including contact and payment information and trip data, is confidential and

1 not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

2 SECTION 3. Section 372.102(a), Transportation Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) Notwithstanding the confidentiality of electronic toll
5 collection customer account information, including confidentiality
6 under Sections 228.057(e), 366.178(b-1), 366.179(d), and
7 370.178(d), a toll project entity may publish a list of the names of
8 the registered owners or lessees of nonpaying vehicles who at the
9 time of publication are liable for the payment of past due and
10 unpaid tolls or administrative fees. The list may include only the
11 persons' names and, for each person listed:

- 12 (1) the city and state of the person's residence;
13 (2) the total number of events of nonpayment; and
14 (3) the total amount due for the tolls and
15 administrative fees.

16 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
17 a request for information that is received by a regional tollway
18 authority on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for
19 information that was received before the effective date of this Act
20 is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was
21 received, and the former law is continued in effect for that
22 purpose.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.