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S.B. No. 272

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Special Olympics Texas fund when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a motor vehicle registration.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.413 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.413. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS FUND. (a) When a person registers or renews the registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the person may contribute any amount to the Special Olympics Texas fund under Subsection (f).

(b) The department shall provide, in a conspicuous manner, an opportunity to contribute to the Special Olympics Texas fund in any registration renewal system used by the department.

(c) If a person makes a contribution under this section and does not pay the full amount of a registration fee, the county assessor-collector may credit all or a portion of the contribution to the person's registration fee.

(d) The county assessor-collector shall send any contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit to the Special Olympics Texas fund before the 31st day after the date the contribution is made.

(e) The department shall consult with the Department of

1 Aging and Disability Services in performing the department's duties  
2 under this section.

3 (f) The Special Olympics Texas fund is created as a trust  
4 fund outside the state treasury to be held by the comptroller and  
5 administered by the Department of Aging and Disability Services as  
6 trustee on behalf of Special Olympics Texas. The fund is composed  
7 of money deposited to the credit of the fund under this section.  
8 Money in the fund shall be disbursed at least monthly, without  
9 appropriation, to Special Olympics Texas to provide training and  
10 athletic competitions for persons with mental illness and  
11 intellectual disabilities.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.