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S.B. No. 754

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding for motorcycle training and safety programs,
including increasing the motorcycle and moped registration fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.196, Transportation Code, is amended
to read as follows:

Sec. 502.196. DEPOSIT OF REGISTRATION FEES IN STATE HIGHWAY
FUND. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter or Section
662.011, the board and the department shall deposit all money
received from registration fees in the state treasury to the credit
of the state highway fund.

SECTION 2. 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 \$33
~~[\$30]~~.

SECTION 3. Section 662.011, Transportation Code, is amended
by adding Subsections (a-1) and (b-1) and amending Subsection (b)
to read as follows:

(a-1) Of each fee collected under Section 502.251, the Texas
Department of Motor Vehicles shall send \$3 to the comptroller for
deposit to the credit of a subaccount in the motorcycle education
fund account.

(b) Money deposited to the credit of the motorcycle

education fund account may be used only to defray the cost of:

(1) administering the motorcycle operator training and safety program; and

(2) conducting the motorcyclist safety and share the road campaign described by Section 201.621.

(b-1) The designated state agency shall, at a minimum, use funds appropriated to the agency from the subaccount to administer the motorcycle operator training and safety program.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to the fee for a registration period beginning on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee for a registration period beginning before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the registration period began, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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