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H.B. No. 964

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a minimum balance prerequisite for the collection by mail of unpaid highway tolls and administrative fees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 372, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 372.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 372.054. MINIMUM BALANCE FOR COLLECTION BY MAIL OF TOLLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. Notwithstanding Sections 228.0545(c), 228.055(b), 284.0701(b), 366.178(b-2), and 370.177(c), a toll project entity may not:

(1) send an invoice, notice of nonpayment, or other communication requiring the payment of an unpaid toll incurred by a vehicle or an administrative fee associated with that unpaid toll unless the total amount of unpaid tolls owed for the vehicle is \$10 or more in a calendar year; or

(2) increase the amount of an administrative fee or impose an additional fee for an unpaid toll in the period before a communication requiring payment of the toll is sent.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.