

By: Martinez

H.B. No. 2276

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2276:

By: Morrison

C.S.H.B. No. 2276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an increase in and the use of the fee for permits issued for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Hidalgo County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 623.364, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 623.364. PERMIT FEES. (a) The authority may collect a fee for permits issued under this subchapter. Beginning September 1, 2017 [~~2013~~], the maximum amount of the fee may not exceed \$200 [~~\$80~~] per trip. On September 1 of each subsequent year, the authority may adjust the maximum fee amount as necessary to reflect the percentage change during the preceding year in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, published monthly by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor in function.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), fees [~~Fees~~] collected under Subsection (a) shall be used only for the construction and maintenance of the roads described by or designated under Section 623.363 and for the authority's administrative costs, which may not exceed 10 [~~15~~] percent of the fees collected. The authority shall make payments to the Texas Department of Transportation to provide funds for the maintenance of roads and highways subject to this subchapter.

1 (c) Fees collected under Subsection (a) must be used in an
2 amount not to exceed five percent of the fees collected to leverage
3 funding from other sources to:

4 (1) construct a bridge on Farm-to-Market Road 1015 in
5 Hidalgo County between Military Highway and Mile 5 Road North;

6 (2) improve the roads described by Section [623.363](#)
7 that are in Weslaco or Progreso;

8 (3) improve Mile 5 Road North in Hidalgo County; and

9 (4) support the construction of roads proposed by the
10 City of Donna connecting a proposed commercial import lot near the
11 Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge to Farm-to-Market Road 493 and
12 Military Highway.

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