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S.B. No. 1251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Ending
3 Homelessness fund when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a
4 motor vehicle registration.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 502.414 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 502.414. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO ENDING
9 HOMELESSNESS FUND. (a) When a person registers or renews the
10 registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the person may
11 contribute any amount to the Ending Homelessness fund under
12 Subsection (f).

13 (b) The department shall provide, in a conspicuous manner,
14 an opportunity to contribute to the Ending Homelessness fund in any
15 registration renewal system used by the department.

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

20 (d) The county assessor-collector shall send any
21 contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit
22 to the Ending Homelessness fund before the 31st day after the date
23 the contribution is made.

24 (e) The department shall consult with the Texas Department

1 of Housing and Community Affairs in performing the department's
2 duties under this section.

3 (f) The Ending Homelessness fund is created as a trust fund
4 outside the state treasury to be held by the comptroller and
5 administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community
6 Affairs as trustee. The fund is composed of money deposited to the
7 credit of the fund under this section. Money in the fund shall be
8 used to provide grants to counties and municipalities to combat
9 homelessness.

10 (g) The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
11 shall adopt rules governing application for grants from the Ending
12 Homelessness fund and the issuance of those grants.

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