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(Martinez)

S.B. No. 2227

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 2227:

By: Morrison

C.S.S.B. No. 2227

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

8 Sec. 623.364. PERMIT FEES. (a) The authority may collect a  
9 fee for permits issued under this subchapter. Beginning September  
10 1, 2017 [~~2013~~], the maximum amount of the fee may not exceed \$200  
11 [~~\$80~~] per trip. On September 1 of each subsequent year, the  
12 authority may adjust the maximum fee amount as necessary to reflect  
13 the percentage change during the preceding year in the Consumer  
14 Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average,  
15 published monthly by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics  
16 or its successor in function.

17 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), fees [~~Fees~~]  
18 collected under Subsection (a) shall be used only for the  
19 construction and maintenance of the roads described by or  
20 designated under Section 623.363 and for the authority's  
21 administrative costs, which may not exceed:

22 (1) 15 percent of the fees collected from the issuance  
23 of permits authorizing the movement of oversize or overweight  
24 vehicles on a road not listed in Section 623.363(a)(1)(J), (K),

1 (L), or (M); or

2 (2) 15 percent of the fees collected from the issuance  
3 of permits authorizing the movement of oversize or overweight  
4 vehicles on a road listed in Section 623.363(a)(1)(J), (K), (L), or  
5 (M) minus the amount of fees used under Subsection (d).

6 (c) The authority shall make payments to the Texas  
7 Department of Transportation to provide funds for the maintenance  
8 of roads and highways subject to this subchapter.

9 (d) Fees collected under Subsection (a) from the issuance of  
10 permits authorizing the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles  
11 on a road listed in Section 623.363(a)(1)(J), (K), (L), or (M) must  
12 be used in an amount not to exceed five percent of those fees to  
13 leverage funding from other sources to:

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

16 (2) improve the roads described by Section 623.363  
17 that are in Weslaco or Progreso;

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

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

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