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By:  Powell S.B. No. 1471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of electric and hybrid vehicles.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 502.198(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Except as provided by Sections 502.058, 502.060, 502.1911, 502.192, 502.356, [~~and~~] 502.357, and 502.360 and Subchapter H, this section applies to all fees collected by a county assessor-collector under this chapter.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter G, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.360 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.360.  ADDITIONAL FEE FOR ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES. (a) In this section:

(1)  "Electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle that uses electricity as its only source of motor power.

(2)  "Hybrid vehicle" means a motor vehicle that uses gasoline or conventional diesel fuel and electricity as its sources of motor power.

(b)  In addition to other fees authorized under this chapter, at the time of application for registration or renewal of registration of an electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle, the applicant shall pay an additional fee as determined by the board under Subsection (c).

(c)  The comptroller, in consultation with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, shall calculate and recommend to the board an additional registration fee based on the average annual amount of taxes imposed under Chapter 162, Tax Code, that an electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle would pay if the vehicle operated only on gasoline or diesel fuel. The board by rule shall set the fee imposed under this section based on the recommendation made by the comptroller.

(d)  Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

SECTION 3.  (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

(b)  Section 502.360(b), Transportation Code, as added by this Act, takes effect January 1, 2020.