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H.B. No. 2254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute on the collection of road use fees from owners of alternatively fueled vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Alternatively fueled vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is capable of using a fuel other than gasoline or conventional diesel fuel.

(2) "Traditionally fueled vehicle" means a motor vehicle that uses gasoline or conventional diesel fuel as its source of motor power.

SECTION 2. STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall conduct a study on:

(1) the impacts of the alternatively fueled vehicle industry on this state; and

(2) the options available to the state for collecting road use fees from owners of alternatively fueled vehicles.

(b) The study must examine:

(1) the current revenue generated from motor fuel taxes imposed under Chapter 162, Tax Code, on a traditionally fueled vehicle for each mile the vehicle is operated;

(2) the net revenue generated by fees and taxes paid by owners of alternatively fueled vehicles and traditionally fueled

1 vehicles for the use of the vehicle, including motor vehicle
2 registration fees under Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and motor
3 fuel taxes under Chapter 162, Tax Code;

4 (3) the average number of miles traveled by
5 alternatively fueled vehicles and traditionally fueled vehicles
6 each year;

7 (4) the methods by which other states generate revenue
8 from alternatively fueled vehicles;

9 (5) alternative methods for determining and
10 collecting road use fees from owners of alternatively fueled
11 vehicles, including methods that consider the weight of and the
12 number of miles traveled by an alternatively fueled vehicle;

13 (6) the projected revenue to the state for each method
14 examined under Subdivision (5) of this subsection; and

15 (7) the projected environmental impact of
16 alternatively fueled vehicles on this state.

17 (c) Not later than December 1, 2020, the Texas A&M
18 Transportation Institute shall submit to the legislature a report
19 on the findings of the study conducted under this section.

20 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2021.

21 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
22 1, 2019.