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S.B. No. 459

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain consequences arising from a violation detected by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 707.017, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 707.017. REGISTRATION OR TRANSFER OF TITLE AFTER NOTICE OF VIOLATION ISSUED [~~ENFORCEMENT~~]. (a) Neither the [~~If the owner of a motor vehicle is delinquent in the payment of a civil penalty imposed under this chapter, the~~] county assessor-collector nor [~~or~~] the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles may refuse to transfer the title of or register a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in a [~~the~~] violation of this chapter solely:

(1) based on the alleged violation; or

(2) because the owner of the motor vehicle is delinquent in the payment of a civil penalty imposed under this chapter.

(b) A local authority or the person with which the local authority contracts for the administration and enforcement of a photographic traffic signal enforcement system may not provide information about a violation of this chapter to a person authorized to register or issue a title for a vehicle under Chapter 501, 502, or 520. [~~This section does not apply to the registration of a motor vehicle under Section 501.0234.~~]

1 SECTION 2. Section 707.019(a), Transportation Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (a) If the owner of the motor vehicle fails to timely pay the
4 amount of the civil penalty imposed against the owner:

5 (1) an arrest warrant may not be issued for the owner;
6 ~~and~~

7 (2) the imposition of the civil penalty may not be
8 recorded on the owner's driving record; and

9 (3) the failure to pay the civil penalty may not be
10 reported to a consumer reporting agency, as defined by Section
11 20.01, Business & Commerce Code.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.