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S.B. No. 1471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of  
3 electric and hybrid vehicles.

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

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

7 (a) Except as provided by Sections 502.058, 502.060,  
8 502.1911, 502.192, 502.356, ~~and~~ 502.357, and 502.360 and  
9 Subchapter H, this section applies to all fees collected by a county  
10 assessor-collector under this chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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