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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fees imposed on registration of a vehicle for which registration is applied for by a motor vehicle dealer.

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, 502.1981, 502.356, and 502.357 and Subchapter H, this section applies to all fees collected by a county assessor-collector under this chapter.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.1981 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.1981.  DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN FEES. (a) This subsection applies only to a vehicle for which registration is applied for under Section 501.0234 in the county in which the owner is domiciled. Each Tuesday, a county assessor-collector shall:

(1)  credit to the county road and bridge fund $25 of each fee collected during the preceding week for registration of a vehicle described by this subsection; and

(2)  send the remainder of the amount collected to the department for deposit to the credit of the state highway fund.

(b)  This subsection applies only to a vehicle for which registration is applied for under Section 501.0234 in a county other than the county in which the owner is domiciled. Each Tuesday, a county assessor-collector shall:

(1)  send $25 of each fee collected during the preceding week for registration of a vehicle described by this subsection to the county in which the owner of the vehicle is domiciled; and

(2)  dispose of the remainder of the amount collected in the manner provided by Section 502.198.

(c)  A county assessor-collector shall credit to the county road and bridge fund the amount received by the county under Subsection (b)(1).

(d)  This section does not apply to a fee collected for the renewal of registration of a vehicle described by Subsection (a) or (b).

SECTION 3.  Section 502.1983(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  A county assessor-collector may:

(1)  deposit the fees subject to Section 502.198 or 502.1981(a) in an interest-bearing account or certificate in the county depository; and

(2)  send the fees to the department not later than the 34th day after the date the fees are due under Section 502.198 or 502.1981(a), as applicable.

SECTION 4.  Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.4035 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.4035.  IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE ON CERTAIN VEHICLES PROHIBITED. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, an additional fee authorized by a county under this subchapter, including an additional fee authorized under Section 502.401, 502.402, or 502.403, may not be imposed on a vehicle for which registration is applied for under Section 501.0234.

(b)  This section does not apply to the renewal of registration of a vehicle described by Subsection (a).

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.