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By:  Alvarado S.B. No. 1453

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to toll collection and enforcement on state highway toll lanes by entities other than the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 228.059, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 228.059.  TOLL COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT BY OTHER ENTITY. (a) An entity operating a toll lane pursuant to Section 228.007(b) or under an agreement under Subchapter E, Chapter 223, has, with regard to toll collection and enforcement for that toll lane, the same powers and duties as the department under this chapter, except as provided by Subsection (b). The entity may use revenues for improvement, extension, expansion, or maintenance of the toll lane.

(b)  Notwithstanding Sections 228.0545, 228.0546, and 228.0547 or other law, a toll collected pursuant to an agreement for tolling services with a toll project entity other than the department is governed by the fee and fine structure of the entity issuing the initial toll invoice.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.