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H.B. No. 737

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to military toll discount programs.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 372.053, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 372.053. MILITARY [~~VETERAN~~] DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. Section 372.053, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(a-1) A program established under Subsection (a) must include free or discounted use of the entity's toll project by a vehicle associated with an account of an electronic toll collection customer who is eligible to be issued license plates [~~whose account relates to a vehicle registered~~] under Section 504.202, 504.305(a)(1), [~~or~~] 504.315(f) or (g), or 504.512.

(c) Notwithstanding Sections 228.057(e), 366.179(d), 370.178(d), and 372.051(a), a toll project entity that has an electronic toll collection customer who participates in the entity's discount program shall provide to any other toll project entity with a discount program the information necessary for the customer to participate in that entity's discount program.

(d) A toll project entity that establishes a discount program for electronic toll collection customers:

(1) shall adopt a process to allow a customer whose

1 account is not associated with a vehicle that displays license
2 plates described by Subsection (a-1) to establish eligibility to
3 participate in the program; and

4 (2) may not require the display of license plates
5 described by Subsection (a-1) as a condition of participation in
6 the program.

7 (e) The department shall maintain on its Internet website a
8 map that accurately displays all toll projects, including toll
9 projects of other toll project entities, for which an electronic
10 toll collection customer is eligible for free or discounted use
11 under Subsection (a-1). Each toll project entity that operates a
12 toll project included in the map shall display the map on its
13 Internet website.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.