

1-1 By: Canales, Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 2223
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021;
 1-3 May 3, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 5, 2021, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 5, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the
 1-20 impact of certain classifications of motor vehicle on the roads and
 1-21 bridges of this state.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "department" means the
 1-24 Texas Department of Transportation.

1-25 SECTION 2. STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The department, in
 1-26 consultation with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, The
 1-27 University of Texas Center for Transportation Research, and
 1-28 transportation industry representatives, shall conduct a study on
 1-29 the impact on the roads and bridges of this state by motor vehicles
 1-30 classified as:

- 1-31 (1) passenger vehicles;
- 1-32 (2) commercial motor vehicles; and
- 1-33 (3) oversize or overweight vehicles.

1-34 (b) The study shall determine, for each classification of
 1-35 vehicle listed in Subsection (a) of this section:

- 1-36 (1) the number of vehicles that drive on the roads and
 1-37 bridges of this state each year;
- 1-38 (2) the number of miles driven on the roads and bridges
 1-39 of this state each year;
- 1-40 (3) the total revenue contribution from taxes and fees
 1-41 to the construction and maintenance of the roads and bridges of this
 1-42 state;

- 1-43 (4) the financial impact due to costs associated with:
 1-44 (A) construction and maintenance of the roads and
 1-45 bridges of this state; and
 1-46 (B) congestion on the roads and bridges of this
 1-47 state; and

1-48 (5) whether and by what amount the total revenue
 1-49 contribution determined under Subdivision (3) of this subsection
 1-50 exceeds or falls short of the financial impact determined under
 1-51 Subdivision (4) of this subsection.

1-52 (c) The study shall assess the overall economic benefits to
 1-53 the economy of this state of:

- 1-54 (1) commercial motor vehicles; and
- 1-55 (2) oversize or overweight vehicles.

1-56 (d) The study shall recommend one or more changes to
 1-57 existing tax or fee structures to ensure that vehicles of each
 1-58 classification listed under Subsection (a) of this section
 1-59 contribute revenue to fund the construction and maintenance of the
 1-60 roads and bridges of this state in an amount at least equal to the
 1-61 financial impact of the vehicles of that classification on those

2-1 roads and bridges. The recommendations shall include:

2-2 (1) specific dollar amounts for taxes and fees for
2-3 each classification of vehicle; and

2-4 (2) if applicable, new methods of structuring existing
2-5 sources of revenue.

2-6 (e) Not later than December 1, 2022, the department shall
2-7 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
2-8 legislature a written report on the findings of the study. The
2-9 report must include recommendations for policy and statutory
2-10 changes, including any proposed legislation, that are based on the
2-11 results of the study.

2-12 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires May 1, 2023.

2-13 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
2-14 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2-15 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2-16 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2-17 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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