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S.B. No. 781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 502.402(a) and (e), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to:

(1) a county that:

(A) borders the United Mexican States; and

(B) has a population of more than 250,000; ~~and~~

(2) a county that has a population of more than 1.5 million that is coterminous with a regional mobility authority; and

(3) a county:

(A) that has a population of more than 320,000;

(B) that does not border the United Mexican States; and

(C) in which a port authority is authorized to issue permits for oversize or overweight vehicles under Chapter 623.

(e) The additional fee shall be collected for a vehicle when other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. The fee revenue collected shall be:

(1) sent to a regional mobility authority located in the county to fund long-term transportation projects in the county

1 that are consistent with the purposes specified by Section 7-a,
2 Article VIII, Texas Constitution; or

3 (2) if there is no regional mobility authority located
4 in the county, used by the county only to fund long-term
5 transportation projects in the county that are consistent with the
6 purposes specified by Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas
7 Constitution.

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