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S.B. No. 1728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the equalization for road use consumption for alternatively fueled vehicles imposed at the time of registration or registration renewal; authorizing a fee.

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, 502.356, ~~and~~ 502.357, and 502.360 and Subchapter H, this section applies to all fees collected by a county assessor-collector under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.360 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.360. EQUALIZATION FOR ROAD USE CONSUMPTION FOR ALTERNATIVELY FUELED VEHICLES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Alternatively fueled vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is capable of being powered by a source other than gasoline or diesel fuel.

(2) "Conventionally fueled vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is capable of being powered only by gasoline or diesel fuel.

(3) "Hybrid electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including a plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle, that is capable of being powered by both electricity and gasoline, diesel, or

1 another type of fuel.

2 (4) "Natural gas vehicle" means a motor vehicle that
3 is capable of being powered only by compressed natural gas or
4 liquefied natural gas as fuel.

5 (b) In addition to other fees authorized under this chapter,
6 at the time of application for registration or renewal of
7 registration of an alternatively fueled vehicle, other than a
8 vehicle subject to a fee under Subsection (c) or (d), the applicant
9 shall pay an additional fee according to the gross weight of the
10 vehicle, as follows:

<u>Weight Classification in pounds</u>	<u>Fee Schedule</u>
<u>0-6,000</u>	<u>\$200</u>
<u>6,001-10,000</u>	<u>\$250</u>

14 (c) In addition to other fees authorized under this chapter,
15 at the time of application for registration or renewal of
16 registration of a hybrid electric vehicle, the applicant shall pay
17 an additional fee according to the gross weight of the vehicle, as
18 follows:

<u>Weight Classification in pounds</u>	<u>Fee Schedule</u>
<u>0-6,000</u>	<u>\$40</u>
<u>6,001-10,000</u>	<u>\$50</u>

22 (d) In addition to other fees authorized under this chapter,
23 at the time of application for registration or renewal of
24 registration of a natural gas vehicle, the applicant shall pay an
25 additional fee in an amount equal to the difference between the
26 amounts calculated under Subsections (e)(1) and (2) for that class
27 of vehicle.

1 (e) The department shall, for each class of natural gas
2 vehicle, calculate:

3 (1) the average annual amount of taxes imposed under
4 Chapter 162, Tax Code, that a conventionally fueled vehicle of that
5 class would pay; and

6 (2) the average annual amount of taxes imposed under
7 that chapter that a natural gas vehicle of that class would pay.

8 (f) The department shall review and update the fee
9 calculated under Subsection (e) at least once every five years.

10 (g) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to
11 the credit of the state highway fund.

12 (h) The board shall adopt rules necessary to administer this
13 section.

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