By:  Leo-Wilson H.B. No. 575

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the cessation of tolls on segments of State Highway 99 located in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 228, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 228.060 to read as follows:

Sec. 228.060.  CESSATION OF TOLLS ON STATE HIGHWAY 99 IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. The department may not charge a toll, either directly or indirectly through an agreement with another entity, on a segment of State Highway 99 located in a county with a population of less than 75,000 if:

(1)  the county submits to the department a resolution adopted by the county stating that the imposition of tolls on the segment has created a safety hazard on another state highway located in the county; and

(2)  construction on or a closure of a highway or other public road is located within two miles of the segment.

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, 2023.