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H.B. No. 2170

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to toll collections by a toll project entity.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 372, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 372.0555 to read as follows:

Sec. 372.0555. NOTICE OF RETURNED PAYMENT. A toll project entity must immediately notify the holder of an electronic toll collection customer account that a payment by the credit card or debit card associated with the account was declined or could not otherwise be processed.

SECTION 2. Section 372.056, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 372.056. INFORMATION REQUIRED ON NOTICE OR INVOICE.

(a) A notice or an invoice of unpaid tolls sent by a toll project entity must clearly state that the document is a bill and the recipient is expected to pay the amount indicated.

(b) A notice or an invoice of unpaid tolls sent by first class mail must clearly indicate on the outside of the envelope that the document enclosed is a bill and the recipient is expected to pay the amount indicated.

SECTION 3. Section 372.057(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An invoice or notice provided to a person by a toll project entity may be provided by:

1 (1) first class mail; [~~or~~]

2 (2) e-mail if the person has provided an e-mail
3 address to the entity and has elected to receive notice
4 electronically; or

5 (3) text message if the person has provided a phone
6 number to the entity and has elected to receive notice by text
7 message.

8 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
9 to the collection of a toll incurred on or after the effective date
10 of this Act. The collection of a toll incurred before the effective
11 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before
12 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
13 for that purpose.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.