

1-1 By: Guerra (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 2170
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, 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 toll collections by a toll project entity.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 372, Transportation Code,
 1-22 is amended by adding Section 372.0555 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 372.0555. NOTICE OF RETURNED PAYMENT. A toll project
 1-24 entity must immediately notify the holder of an electronic toll
 1-25 collection customer account that a payment by the credit card or
 1-26 debit card associated with the account was declined or could not
 1-27 otherwise be processed.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 372.056, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-29 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 372.056. INFORMATION REQUIRED ON NOTICE OR INVOICE.

1-31 (a) A notice or an invoice of unpaid tolls sent by a toll project
 1-32 entity must clearly state that the document is a bill and the
 1-33 recipient is expected to pay the amount indicated.

1-34 (b) A notice or an invoice of unpaid tolls sent by first
 1-35 class mail must clearly indicate on the outside of the envelope that
 1-36 the document enclosed is a bill and the recipient is expected to pay
 1-37 the amount indicated.

1-38 SECTION 3. Section 372.057(a), Transportation Code, is
 1-39 amended to read as follows:

1-40 (a) An invoice or notice provided to a person by a toll
 1-41 project entity may be provided by:

- 1-42 (1) first class mail; ~~or~~
- 1-43 (2) e-mail if the person has provided an e-mail
 1-44 address to the entity and has elected to receive notice
 1-45 electronically; or
- 1-46 (3) text message if the person has provided a phone
 1-47 number to the entity and has elected to receive notice by text
 1-48 message.

1-49 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-50 to the collection of a toll incurred on or after the effective date
 1-51 of this Act. The collection of a toll incurred before the effective
 1-52 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before
 1-53 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
 1-54 for that purpose.

1-55 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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