By: Johnson S.B. No. 607

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the distribution of funds designated for the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 382.221 to read as follows:

Sec. 382.221. DISTRIBUTION OF LOW-INCOME VEHICLE REPAIR ASSISTANCE, RETROFIT, AND ACCELERATED VEHICLE RETIREMENT PROGRAM FUNDS. (a) This section applies only to a county that:

(1) is or was a participating county; and

(2) has remitted to the state fees collected for the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program.

(b) Notwithstanding Sections 382.202(g), 382.209, and 382.220, not later than January 1, 2024, the commission shall distribute to the counties described by Subsection (a) all available money collected before September 1, 2023, under Section 382.202(e) or 382.302 that was designated for the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program and is appropriated by the legislature for the purposes described by this subsection.

(c) The commission shall distribute the money in reasonable proportion to the amount of fees collected under Section 382.202(e)

or 382.302 in those counties or in the regions in which those counties are located.

(d) A county that receives money under this section may use the money only to fund a program authorized by Section 382.220(b).

(e) This section expires September 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.