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H.B. No. 1557

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to waiver programs for certain veterans provided by toll project entities.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 372.053(a), (a-1), and (a-2), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A toll project entity shall ~~[may]~~ establish a discount program for electronic toll collection customers.

(a-1) A program established under Subsection (a):

(1) must include free ~~[or discounted]~~ use of the entity's toll project by an electronic toll collection customer whose account relates to a vehicle registered under Section ~~504.202~~ or 504.315(f) or (g); and

(2) may include free or discounted use of the entity's toll project by other electronic toll collection customers, including customers whose account relates to a vehicle registered under Section 504.202.

(a-2) A toll project entity may limit to no more than two the number of transponders issued to a participant in the entity's waiver program for which free ~~[or discounted]~~ use of the entity's toll project is provided under Subsection (a-1). A toll project entity that adopts a limit under this subsection shall allow a participant to be issued one extra transponder on a demonstration of hardship by the participant, as determined by the entity.

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1       SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.