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S.B. No. 1371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of certain metropolitan transit authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 162.356(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The exemption provided by Subsection (a)(11) does not apply to compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas delivered into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle from a refueling facility accessible to motor vehicles other than:

(1) motor vehicles [~~those~~] described by Subsection (a)(11)(A); or

(2) motor vehicles exempt from the tax imposed by this subchapter under another provision of Subsection (a), if the:

(A) refueling facility is operated by a metropolitan rapid transit authority operating under Chapter 451, Transportation Code, in which the principal municipality has a population of less than 320,000; and

(B) use of the refueling facility by those vehicles is limited to emergencies and other exigent circumstances as provided by an interlocal agreement under Chapter 791, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Section 451.061(d-1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (d-1) The establishment of or a change to fares, tolls,
2 charges, rents, and other compensation by an authority [~~confirmed~~
3 ~~before July 1, 1985,~~] in which the principal municipality has a
4 population of less than 1.3 million[7] takes effect immediately on
5 approval by a majority vote of the board, except that the
6 establishment of or a change to a single-ride base fare takes effect
7 on the 60th day after the date the board approves the fare or change
8 to the fare, unless the policy board of the metropolitan planning
9 organization that serves the area of the authority disapproves the
10 fare or change to the fare by a majority vote.

11 SECTION 3. Section 451.506, Transportation Code, is amended
12 by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

13 (b-1) This subsection applies only to an individual serving
14 on the board of an authority in which the principal municipality has
15 a population of less than 320,000. For purposes of Subsection (b),
16 in determining the length of service on the board of an individual
17 to whom this subsection applies the following periods of service
18 are excluded:

19 (1) a period of service that results from the
20 individual's appointment to fill an unexpired term that occurs
21 before the individual's first appointment to a full term on the
22 board; or

23 (2) a period of service on the board that is
24 attributable to a term shortened by the individual's appointment as
25 the board's presiding officer under Section 451.502(e).

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.