AN ACT

relating to an optional fee on registration of a vehicle in certain counties to fund transportation projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.1725 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.1725. OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. (a) This section applies only to a county:

(1) that borders the United Mexican States;

(2) that has a population of more than 300,000; and

(3) in which the largest municipality has a population of less than 300,000.

(b) The commissioners court of a county by order may impose an additional fee, not to exceed $10, for registering a vehicle in the county.

(c) A vehicle that may be registered under this chapter without payment of a registration fee may be registered in a county imposing a fee under this section without payment of the additional fee.

(d) A fee imposed under this section may take effect only on January 1 of a year. The county must adopt the order and notify the department not later than September 1 of the year preceding the year in which the fee takes effect.

(e) A fee imposed under this section may be removed. The

removal may take effect only on January 1 of a year. A county may remove the fee only by:

(1) rescinding the order imposing the fee; and

(2) notifying the department not later than September 1 of the year preceding the year in which the removal takes effect.

(f) The county assessor-collector of a county imposing a fee under this section shall collect the additional fee for a vehicle when other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. The county shall send the fee revenue to the regional mobility authority of the county to fund long-term transportation projects in the county.

(g) The department shall collect the additional fee on a vehicle that is owned by a resident of a county imposing a fee under this section and that, under this chapter, must be registered directly with the department. The department shall send all fees collected for a county under this subsection to the regional mobility authority of the county to fund long-term transportation projects in the county.

(h) The department shall adopt rules and develop forms necessary to administer registration by mail for a vehicle being registered in a county imposing a fee under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

H.B. No. 3437

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Tom Craddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3437 was passed by the House on April 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3437 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 25 MAY 07

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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