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H.B. No. 2857

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to toll project accommodation of high-occupancy mass transit facilities and vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 372, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 372.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 372.002. ACCOMMODATION OF MASS TRANSIT FACILITIES AND VEHICLES. The governing body of a toll project entity may not adopt a plan for the construction of a toll project unless the plan includes measures for the toll project to accommodate high-occupancy vehicles of mass transit agencies, including buses and carpool and vanpool vehicles. Accommodations under this section must include:

(1) land, capital funding, and operating costs for the construction and operation of park and ride facilities; and

(2) the free use of the project by mass transit high-occupancy vehicles.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a toll project for which an initial plan is adopted on or after September 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.