

CHAPTER 187

S.B. No. 349

AN ACT

relating to the payment of tolls imposed for the use of certain county toll roads and other facilities; providing a penalty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 304, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, as amended (Article 6795b-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 8b to read as follows:

Sec. 8b. A person commits an offense if the person operates a vehicle on a county project described in Section 1 of this Act and fails or refuses to pay a toll imposed as authorized by Section 4 of this Act. An offense under this section is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100. In addition, the county may take and retain possession of the vehicle until the amount of the toll and all charges in connection with the toll are paid.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies only to a failure or refusal to pay a toll authorized by Section 4, Chapter 304, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947 (Article 6795b-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), that occurs on or

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after that date. For purposes of this Act, a failure or refusal occurs before the effective date of this Act if the toll became due before that date and remained unpaid on that date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on February 26, 1987, by a viva-voce vote; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 18, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House, with amendment, on May 14, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 27, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.