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AN ACT

relating to the use of Local Initiative Project funds generated locally and administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, Subchapter C is amended by amended to read as follows:

Sec. 382.220. USE OF FUNDING FOR LOCAL INITIATIVE PROJECTS. (a) Money that is made available to participating counties under Section 382.202(g) or 382.302 may be appropriated only for programs administered in accordance with Chapter 783, Government Code, to improve air quality. A participating county may agree to contract with any appropriate entity, including a metropolitan planning organization or a council of governments to implement a program under Section 382.202, 382.209, or this section.

(b) A program under this section must be implemented in consultation with the commission and may include a program to:

(1) expand and enhance the AirCheck Texas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program;

(2) develop and implement programs or systems that remotely determine vehicle emissions and notify the vehicle's operator;

(3) develop and implement projects to implement the commission's smoking vehicle program;

(4) develop and implement projects for coordinating with local law enforcement officials to reduce the use of counterfeit state inspection stickers by providing local law

enforcement officials with funds to identify vehicles with counterfeit state inspection stickers and to carry out appropriate actions;

(5) develop and implement programs to enhance transportation system improvements; or

(6) develop and implement new air control strategies designed to assist local areas in complying with state and federal air quality rules and regulations.

(c) Money that is made available for the implementation of a program under Subsection (b) may not be expended for ~~local government fleet or vehicle acquisition or replacement,~~ call center management, application oversight, invoice analysis, education, outreach, or advertising purposes.

(d) Fees collected under Sections 382.202 and 382.302 may be used, in an amount not to exceed $5 million per fiscal year, for projects described by Subsection (b). The fees shall be made available only to counties participating in the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement programs created under Section 382.209 and only on a matching basis, whereby the commission provides money to a county in the same amount that the county dedicates to a project authorized by Subsection (b). The commission may reduce the match requirement for a county that proposes to develop and implement independent test facility fraud detection programs, including the use of remote sensing technology for coordinating with law enforcement officials to detect, prevent, and prosecute the use of counterfeit state inspection stickers.

SECTION 2. This all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011