

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of the Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry and the Port
3 Aransas ferry operated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 342, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 342.004 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 342.004. GALVESTON-PORT BOLIVAR FERRY AND PORT ARANSAS
8 FERRY VEHICLE STICKERS. (a) The department may adopt rules to
9 establish a system under which an owner of a motor vehicle may apply
10 to the department for issuance of:

11 (1) a sticker for the vehicle that entitles the
12 vehicle to have priority in boarding the Galveston-Port Bolivar
13 ferry operated by the department; or

14 (2) a sticker for the vehicle that entitles the
15 vehicle to have priority in boarding the Port Aransas ferry
16 operated by the department.

17 (b) Any rules adopted under this section must:

18 (1) establish a design for the sticker for each ferry;
19 (2) designate the place where a sticker must be
20 affixed to the windshield of the motor vehicle for which it is
21 issued;

22 (3) establish an annual fee for a ferry vehicle
23 sticker;

24 (4) prescribe forms necessary for the administration

1 of this section; and

2 (5) ensure that a vehicle displaying a sticker issued
3 under this section is given priority in boarding the applicable
4 ferry only until the ferry reaches 50 percent of its vehicle
5 capacity.

6 (c) The department shall deposit each fee collected under
7 this section to the credit of the state highway fund.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newkum
President of the Senate

Jim Cudde
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 249 passed the Senate on April 16, 2003, by a viva-voce vote; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 20, 2003, by a viva-voce vote. _____

Patsy Law
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 249 passed the House, with amendments, on May 6, 2003, by a non-record vote. _____

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Rick Perry
Governor

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