1-1 S.B. No. 139 By: Perry 1**-**2 1**-**3 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 27, 2015, first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0; April 22, 2015, sent to printer.) 1-4

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1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nelson	X	_		
1-9	Hinojosa	Χ			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Eltife			X	
1-12	Hancock	Χ			
1-13	Huffman	X			
1-14	Kolkhorst	X			
1-15	Nichols	X			
1-16	Schwertner	X			
1-17	Seliger			X	
1-18	Taylor of Galveston			X	
1-19	Uresti	X			
1-20	Watson	Χ			
1-21	West	Χ			
1-22	Whitmire	Χ			

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relating to use of money in the state highway fund. 1-25

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

SECTION 1. Section 222.001(a), Transportation Code, amended to read as follows:

Money that is required to be used for public roadways by (a) the Texas Constitution or federal law and that is deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund, including money deposited to the credit of the state highway fund under Title 23, United States Code, may be used only:

(1) to improve the state highway system; or

(2) to mitigate adverse environmental effects that result directly from construction or maintenance of a state highway by the department [ + or

[(3) by the Department of Public Safety to police the highway system and to administer state laws relating to traffic and safety on public roads].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017. SECTION 3. This Act takes effect only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, prescribing the purposes for which revenue from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.

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