(p) A landlord who provides notice in accordance with Subsection (h) may not apply a payment made by a tenant to avoid interruption of electric service or reestablish electric service to rent or any other amounts owed under the lease.

(q) The landlord may not evict a tenant for failure to pay an electric bill when the landlord has interrupted the tenant's electric service under Subsection (h) unless the tenant fails to pay for the electric service after the electric service has been interrupted for at least two days, not including weekends or state or federal holidays.

(r) Subject to this subsection, a reconnection fee may be applied if electric service to the tenant is disconnected for nonpayment of bills under Subsection (h). The reconnection fee must be computed based on the average cost to the landlord for the expenses associated with the reconnection, but may not exceed $10. A reconnection fee may not be applied unless agreed to by the tenant in a written lease that states the exact dollar amount of the reconnection fee. A fee may not be applied to a deferred payment plan entered into under this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an electric bill that becomes delinquent on or after the effective date of this Act. An electric bill that becomes delinquent before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the delinquency immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 1, 2013: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 900

H.B. No. 1120

AN ACT

relating to the duties of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council to encourage individuals to report criminal activity related to trafficking of persons.

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

SECTION 1. Section 414.005, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 414.005. DUTIES. The council shall:

(1) encourage, advise, and assist in the creation of crime stoppers organizations;

(2) foster the detection of crime and encourage persons to report information about criminal acts;

(3) encourage news and other media to broadcast reenactments and to inform the public of the functions of crime stoppers organizations’ operations and programs;

(4) promote the process of crime stoppers organizations to forward information about criminal acts to the appropriate law enforcement agencies;

(5) help law enforcement agencies detect and combat crime by increasing the flow of information to and between law enforcement agencies;

(6) create specialized programs targeted at detecting specific crimes or types of crimes, including at least one program that:

(A) encourages individuals to report sex offenders who have failed to register under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure; [and]

(B) encourages individuals to report criminal activity relating to the trafficking of persons, as described under Chapter 20A, Penal Code; and
(C) financially rewards each individual who makes a report described by Paragraph (A) or (B) that leads or substantially contributes to the arrest or apprehension:

(i) of a sex offender who has failed to register under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(ii) of a person suspected of engaging in conduct that constitutes an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code; and

(7) encourage, advise, and assist crime stoppers organizations in implementing any programs created under Subdivision (6), including a program specifically described by Subdivision (6).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 3, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 901

H.B. No. 1123

AN ACT

relating to discount programs for certain veterans provided by toll project entities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 372.053(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A toll project entity may establish a discount program for electronic toll collection customers. The program must include free or discounted use of the entity's toll project by an electronic toll collection customer whose account relates to a vehicle registered:

[(4)] under Section 504.202 or 504.315(f) or (g); or

[(5)] under Section 504.315(g); or

[(6)] by a person who has received the Medal of Honor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 902

H.B. No. 1129

AN ACT

relating to a program allowing certain military voters on active duty overseas to cast a ballot electronically.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 105, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 105.004 to read as follows:

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