

1-1 By: Noble, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 198
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023;
 1-3 May 15, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to vehicle safety inspections of certain travel trailers.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,
 1-22 is amended by adding Section 548.054 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 548.054. INSPECTION OF CERTAIN TRAVEL TRAILERS BY
 1-24 OWNER. A travel trailer, as defined by Section 501.002, that is not
 1-25 exempt from this chapter under Section 548.052(3) meets the safety
 1-26 inspection requirements of this chapter if the owner submits to the
 1-27 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles or county tax assessor-collector
 1-28 at the time of the trailer's registration an affidavit stating
 1-29 that:

1-30 (1) the owner has inspected the trailer during the
 1-31 period prescribed by Section 548.101; and

1-32 (2) the trailer is in proper and safe condition and
 1-33 complies with this chapter and the rules adopted under this
 1-34 chapter.

1-35 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 548.510, Transportation
 1-36 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-37 Sec. 548.510. FEE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTED VEHICLES [~~NOT~~
 1-38 ~~SUBJECT TO INSPECTION~~]; COLLECTION OF FEE DURING REGISTRATION.

1-39 SECTION 3. Section 548.510(a), Transportation Code, is
 1-40 amended to read as follows:

1-41 (a) A vehicle described by Section 548.052(3) that has an
 1-42 actual gross weight or registered gross weight of more than 4,500
 1-43 pounds, and a travel trailer that has been certified by the
 1-44 trailer's owner as meeting the safety inspection requirements of
 1-45 this chapter under Section 548.054, are each [~~is~~] subject to a fee
 1-46 in the amount of \$7.50.

1-47 SECTION 4. It is the intent of the legislature that the
 1-48 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public
 1-49 Safety implement the provisions of this Act using money
 1-50 appropriated to those agencies that may be spent for that purpose.

1-51 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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