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 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Middleton)  
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the elimination of regular mandatory vehicle safety  
 1-23 inspections for noncommercial vehicles and the imposition of  
 1-24 replacement fees.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 382.0622(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
 1-27 amended to read as follows:

1-28 (a) Clean Air Act fees consist of:

1-29 (1) fees collected by the commission under Sections  
 1-30 382.062, 382.0621, 382.202, and 382.302 and as otherwise provided  
 1-31 by law;

1-32 (2) each amount described by Sections 548.510(d)(3)  
 1-33 and (e)(3) [~~\$2 from the portion of each fee collected for~~  
 1-34 ~~inspections of vehicles other than mopeds and remitted to the state~~  
 1-35 ~~under Sections 548.501 and 548.503], Transportation Code; and~~

1-36 (3) fees collected that are required under Section 185  
 1-37 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7511d).

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 382.202, Health and Safety Code, is  
 1-39 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e-1) to  
 1-40 read as follows:

1-41 (d) On adoption of a resolution by the commission and after  
 1-42 proper notice, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas  
 1-43 shall implement a system that requires, [~~as a condition of~~  
 1-44 ~~obtaining a passing vehicle inspection report issued under~~  
 1-45 ~~Subchapter C, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,~~] in a county that  
 1-46 is included in a vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance  
 1-47 program under Subchapter F, Chapter 548, Transportation Code [~~of~~  
 1-48 ~~that chapter], that a motor vehicle registered in this state [~~the~~  
 1-49 ~~vehicle], unless the vehicle is not covered by the system, be~~  
 1-50 annually or biennially inspected under the vehicle emissions  
 1-51 inspection and maintenance program as required by the state's air  
 1-52 quality state implementation plan. The Department of Public Safety  
 1-53 shall implement such a system when it is required by any provision  
 1-54 of federal or state law, including any provision of the state's air  
 1-55 quality state implementation plan.~~

1-56 (e-1) The portion of a fee imposed under Subsection (e) that  
 1-57 is not authorized to be retained by an inspection station must be  
 1-58 collected as provided by Section 548.509, Transportation Code.

1-59 SECTION 3. Section 382.203(c), Health and Safety Code, is  
 1-60 amended to read as follows:

1-61 (c) The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas by

2-1 rule may waive program requirements, in accordance with standards  
 2-2 adopted by the commission, for certain vehicles and vehicle owners,  
 2-3 including:

2-4 (1) the registered owner of a vehicle who cannot  
 2-5 afford to comply with the program, based on reasonable income  
 2-6 standards;

2-7 (2) a vehicle that cannot be brought into compliance  
 2-8 with emissions standards by performing repairs;

2-9 (3) a vehicle:

2-10 (A) on which at least \$100 has been spent to bring  
 2-11 the vehicle into compliance; and

2-12 (B) that the department[+  
 2-13 ~~[(i)]~~ can verify is driven an average of  
 2-14 less than 5,000 miles each year [~~was driven fewer than 5,000 miles~~  
 2-15 ~~since the last safety inspection; and~~

2-16 ~~[(ii)] reasonably determines will be driven~~  
 2-17 ~~fewer than 5,000 miles during the period before the next safety~~  
 2-18 ~~inspection is required]; and~~

2-19 (4) a vehicle for which parts are not readily  
 2-20 available.

2-21 SECTION 4. Section 502.0024, Transportation Code, is  
 2-22 amended to read as follows:

2-23 Sec. 502.0024. EXTENDED REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN TRAILERS  
 2-24 [~~VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION~~]. (a) Notwithstanding Section  
 2-25 502.044(c), the department shall develop and implement a system of  
 2-26 registration to allow an owner of a trailer, semitrailer, or pole  
 2-27 trailer having an actual gross weight or registered gross weight of  
 2-28 7,500 pounds or less [~~vehicle described by Section 548.052(3) other~~  
 2-29 ~~than a mobile home]~~ to register the vehicle for an extended  
 2-30 registration period of not more than five years. The owner may  
 2-31 select the number of years for registration under this section  
 2-32 within that range and register the vehicle for that period. Payment  
 2-33 for all applicable fees, including any optional fee imposed under  
 2-34 Subchapter H and other registration fees and the fee required by  
 2-35 Section 548.510, for the entire registration period selected is due  
 2-36 at the time of registration.

2-37 (b) The fee required by Section 548.510 shall be remitted to  
 2-38 the comptroller for deposit in the Texas mobility fund, the general  
 2-39 revenue fund, and the clean air account in amounts proportionate to  
 2-40 the allocation prescribed by Subsection (d) [~~(b)~~] of that section.

2-41 (c) The fees imposed under Subchapter H shall be collected  
 2-42 and remitted as prescribed by that subchapter.

2-43 SECTION 5. Sections 502.0025(d) and (e), Transportation  
 2-44 Code, are amended to read as follows:

2-45 (d) A motor vehicle, semitrailer, or trailer registered  
 2-46 under this section is subject to any applicable [~~the~~] inspection  
 2-47 requirements of Chapter 548 as if the vehicle, semitrailer, or  
 2-48 trailer were registered without an extended registration period.

2-49 (e) The department shall adopt rules to implement this  
 2-50 section, including rules:

2-51 (1) regarding the suspension of an exempt county  
 2-52 fleet's registration under this section if the owner of the exempt  
 2-53 county fleet fails to comply with this section or rules adopted  
 2-54 under this section; and

2-55 (2) establishing a method to enforce applicable [~~the~~]  
 2-56 inspection requirements of Chapter 548 for motor vehicles,  
 2-57 semitrailers, and trailers registered under this section.

2-58 SECTION 6. Section 502.047(a), Transportation Code, is  
 2-59 amended to read as follows:

2-60 (a) Except as provided by Chapter 548, the department and  
 2-61 the Department of Public Safety shall ensure compliance with [~~the~~]  
 2-62 motor vehicle inspection requirements under Chapter 548 [~~7~~  
 2-63 ~~including compliance with the motor vehicle emissions inspection~~  
 2-64 ~~and maintenance program under Subchapter F of that chapter,]~~  
 2-65 through a vehicle registration-based enforcement system.

2-66 SECTION 7. Section 502.092(c), Transportation Code, is  
 2-67 amended to read as follows:

2-68 (c) A person may obtain a permit under this section by:

2-69 (1) applying to the department in a manner prescribed

3-1 by the department;

3-2 (2) paying a fee equal to 1/12 the registration fee

3-3 prescribed by this chapter for the vehicle;

3-4 (3) furnishing satisfactory evidence that the motor

3-5 vehicle is insured under an insurance policy that complies with

3-6 Section 601.072 and that is written by:

3-7 (A) an insurance company or surety company

3-8 authorized to write motor vehicle liability insurance in this

3-9 state; or

3-10 (B) with the department's approval, a surplus

3-11 lines insurer that meets the requirements of Chapter 981, Insurance

3-12 Code, and rules adopted by the commissioner of insurance under that

3-13 chapter, if the applicant is unable to obtain insurance from an

3-14 insurer described by Paragraph (A); and

3-15 (4) furnishing evidence that the vehicle has been

3-16 inspected ~~if [as]~~ required under Chapter 548.

3-17 SECTION 8. Section 502.094(e), Transportation Code, is

3-18 amended to read as follows:

3-19 (e) A vehicle issued a permit under this section is subject

3-20 to ~~[Subchapters B and F,]~~ Chapter 548, unless the vehicle:

3-21 (1) is registered in another state of the United

3-22 States, in a province of Canada, or in a state of the United Mexican

3-23 States; or

3-24 (2) is mobile drilling or servicing equipment used in

3-25 the production of gas, crude petroleum, or oil, including a mobile

3-26 crane or hoisting equipment, mobile lift equipment, forklift, or

3-27 tug.

3-28 SECTION 9. Section 502.146(d), Transportation Code, is

3-29 amended to read as follows:

3-30 (d) A vehicle described by Subsection (b) is exempt from the

3-31 inspection requirements of Subchapter ~~[Subchapters B and]~~ F,

3-32 Chapter 548.

3-33 SECTION 10. Section 547.601, Transportation Code, is

3-34 amended to read as follows:

3-35 Sec. 547.601. SAFETY BELTS REQUIRED. A motor vehicle

3-36 ~~[required by Chapter 548 to be inspected]~~ shall be equipped with:

3-37 (1) front safety belts if safety belt anchorages were

3-38 part of the manufacturer's original equipment on the vehicle; or

3-39 (2) for a motor vehicle that is an assembled vehicle,

3-40 as defined by Section 731.001, front safety belts in vehicles that

3-41 contain safety belt anchorages.

3-42 SECTION 11. The heading to Chapter 548, Transportation

3-43 Code, is amended to read as follows:

3-44 CHAPTER 548. ~~[COMPULSORY]~~ INSPECTION OF VEHICLES

3-45 SECTION 12. Section 548.001(10), Transportation Code, is

3-46 amended to read as follows:

3-47 (10) "Vehicle inspection report" means a report issued

3-48 by an inspector or an inspection station for a vehicle that

3-49 indicates whether the vehicle has passed an inspection ~~[the safety~~

3-50 ~~and, if applicable, emissions inspections]~~ required by this

3-51 chapter.

3-52 SECTION 13. Section 548.006(b), Transportation Code, is

3-53 amended to read as follows:

3-54 (b) The members of the commission shall appoint seven

3-55 members of the committee as follows:

3-56 (1) four persons to represent inspection station

3-57 owners and operators ~~[, with two of those persons from counties~~

3-58 ~~conducting vehicle emissions testing under Subchapter F and two of~~

3-59 ~~those persons from counties conducting safety only inspections];~~

3-60 (2) one person to represent manufacturers of motor

3-61 vehicle emissions inspection devices;

3-62 (3) one person to represent independent vehicle

3-63 equipment repair technicians; and

3-64 (4) one person to represent the public interest.

3-65 SECTION 14. Section 548.053, Transportation Code, is

3-66 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,

3-67 redesignated as Section 548.255, Transportation Code, and amended

3-68 to read as follows:

3-69 Sec. 548.255 ~~[548.053]~~. REINSPECTION OF VEHICLE REQUIRING

4-1 ADJUSTMENT, CORRECTION, OR REPAIR. [~~(a)~~] If an inspection  
 4-2 discloses the necessity for adjustment, correction, or repair, an  
 4-3 inspection station or inspector may not issue a passing vehicle  
 4-4 inspection report until the adjustment, correction, or repair is  
 4-5 made. The owner of the vehicle may have the adjustment, correction,  
 4-6 or repair made by a qualified person of the owner's choice, subject  
 4-7 to reinspection. The vehicle shall be reinspected once free of  
 4-8 charge within 15 days after the date of the original inspection, not  
 4-9 including the date the original inspection is made, at the same  
 4-10 inspection station after the adjustment, correction, or repair is  
 4-11 made.

4-12 [~~(b) A vehicle that is inspected and is subsequently~~  
 4-13 ~~involved in an accident affecting the safe operation of an item of~~  
 4-14 ~~inspection must be reinspected following repair. The reinspection~~  
 4-15 ~~must be at an inspection station and shall be treated and charged as~~  
 4-16 ~~an initial inspection.]~~

4-17 SECTION 15. Section 548.105, Transportation Code, is  
 4-18 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 548, Transportation Code, and  
 4-19 redesignated as Section 548.2521, Transportation Code, to read as  
 4-20 follows:

4-21 Sec. 548.2521 [~~548.105~~]. EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL  
 4-22 RESPONSIBILITY AS PREREQUISITE TO ISSUANCE OF PASSING VEHICLE  
 4-23 INSPECTION REPORT. (a) An inspection station or inspector may not  
 4-24 issue a passing vehicle inspection report for a vehicle unless the  
 4-25 owner or operator furnishes evidence of financial responsibility at  
 4-26 the time of inspection. Evidence of financial responsibility may  
 4-27 be shown in the manner specified under Section 601.053(a). A  
 4-28 personal automobile insurance policy used as evidence of financial  
 4-29 responsibility must be written for a term of 30 days or more as  
 4-30 required by Section 1952.054, Insurance Code.

4-31 (b) An inspection station is not liable to a person,  
 4-32 including a third party, for issuing a passing vehicle inspection  
 4-33 report in reliance on evidence of financial responsibility  
 4-34 furnished to the station. An inspection station that is the seller  
 4-35 of a motor vehicle may rely on an oral insurance binder.

4-36 SECTION 16. Sections 548.203(a) and (b), Transportation  
 4-37 Code, are amended to read as follows:

4-38 (a) The commission by rule may exempt a type of commercial  
 4-39 motor vehicle from the application of this subchapter if the  
 4-40 vehicle:

- 4-41 (1) was manufactured before September 1, 1995;
- 4-42 (2) is operated only temporarily on a highway of this  
 4-43 state and at a speed of less than 30 miles per hour; and
- 4-44 (3) complies with [~~Section 548.051 and~~] each  
 4-45 applicable provision in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

4-46 (b) A [~~Notwithstanding Subchapter B, a~~] commercial motor  
 4-47 vehicle is not subject to the inspection requirements of this  
 4-48 chapter if the vehicle:

- 4-49 (1) is not domiciled in this state;
- 4-50 (2) is registered in this state or under the  
 4-51 International Registration Plan as authorized by Section 502.091;  
 4-52 and
- 4-53 (3) has been issued a certificate of inspection in  
 4-54 compliance with federal motor carrier safety regulations.

4-55 SECTION 17. Subchapter E, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,  
 4-56 is amended by adding Section 548.257 to read as follows:

4-57 Sec. 548.257. TIMING OF INSPECTION FOR REGISTRATION-BASED  
 4-58 ENFORCEMENT. The department shall require a vehicle required to be  
 4-59 inspected under this chapter to pass the required inspection:

- 4-60 (1) for initial registration, not earlier than 90 days  
 4-61 before the date of registration;
- 4-62 (2) for a renewal of registration, not earlier than 90  
 4-63 days before the date of expiration of the vehicle's registration;
- 4-64 (3) if the vehicle is a used motor vehicle sold by a  
 4-65 dealer, as defined by Section 503.001, in the 180 days preceding the  
 4-66 date the dealer sells the vehicle; or
- 4-67 (4) if the vehicle is subject to the federal motor  
 4-68 carrier safety regulations, in a period that complies with those  
 4-69 regulations.

5-1 SECTION 18. Section 548.505(a), Transportation Code, is  
 5-2 amended to read as follows:

5-3 (a) The department by rule may impose an inspection fee for  
 5-4 a vehicle inspected under Section 548.301(a) in addition to a fee  
 5-5 adopted under Section 382.202, Health and Safety Code [~~the fee~~  
 5-6 ~~provided by Section 548.501, 548.502, 548.503, or 548.504]. A fee  
 5-7 imposed under this subsection must be based on the costs of:~~

- 5-8 (1) providing inspections; and
- 5-9 (2) administering the program.

5-10 SECTION 19. Section 548.508, Transportation Code, is  
 5-11 amended to read as follows:

5-12 Sec. 548.508. DISPOSITION OF FEES. Except as provided by  
 5-13 Sections 382.0622 and 382.202, Health and Safety Code, and Sections  
 5-14 [~~Section~~] 548.5055 and 548.510 of this code, each fee remitted to  
 5-15 the comptroller under this subchapter shall be deposited to the  
 5-16 credit of the Texas mobility fund.

5-17 SECTION 20. Section 548.509, Transportation Code, is  
 5-18 amended to read as follows:

5-19 Sec. 548.509. COLLECTION OF FEE DURING REGISTRATION. (a)  
 5-20 The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles or a county  
 5-21 assessor-collector that registers a motor vehicle that is subject  
 5-22 to an inspection fee under this chapter or Section 382.202, Health  
 5-23 and Safety Code, or a replacement fee under Section 548.510 of this  
 5-24 code shall collect at the time of registration of the motor vehicle  
 5-25 the portion of the inspection fee that is required to be remitted to  
 5-26 the state.

5-27 (b) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles or the county  
 5-28 assessor-collector shall remit the fee to the comptroller.

5-29 SECTION 21. Section 548.510, Transportation Code, is  
 5-30 amended to read as follows:

5-31 Sec. 548.510. INSPECTION PROGRAM REPLACEMENT FEE [~~FOR~~  
 5-32 ~~CERTAIN VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION; COLLECTION OF FEE~~  
 5-33 ~~DURING REGISTRATION)]. (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b)~~  
 5-34 ~~and (c), in addition to other fees imposed at the time of~~  
 5-35 ~~registration, at the time of application for initial registration~~  
 5-36 ~~or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle, trailer,~~  
 5-37 ~~semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile home, the applicant shall pay~~  
 5-38 ~~an annual fee of \$7.50.~~

5-39 (b) Instead of the fee provided by Subsection (a), an  
 5-40 applicant shall pay a one-time fee of \$16.75 if the application is  
 5-41 for the initial registration of a passenger car or light truck that:

5-42 (1) is sold in this state or purchased by a commercial  
 5-43 fleet buyer described by Section 501.0234(b)(4) for use in this  
 5-44 state;

5-45 (2) has not been previously registered in this or  
 5-46 another state; and

5-47 (3) on the date of sale is of the current model year or  
 5-48 preceding model year.

5-49 (c) An applicant who pays a fee under Subsection (b) for a  
 5-50 registration year is not required to pay a fee under Subsection (a)  
 5-51 for the next registration year for the same vehicle.

5-52 (d) [~~A vehicle described by Section 548.052(3) that has an~~  
 5-53 ~~actual gross weight or registered gross weight of more than 4,500~~  
 5-54 ~~pounds is subject to a fee in the amount of \$7.50.~~

5-55 [~~(b) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles or a county~~  
 5-56 ~~assessor-collector that registers a vehicle described by~~  
 5-57 ~~Subsection (a) shall collect at the time of registration of the~~  
 5-58 ~~vehicle the fee prescribed by Subsection (a). The Texas Department~~  
 5-59 ~~of Motor Vehicles or the county assessor-collector, as applicable,~~  
 5-60 ~~shall remit the fee to the comptroller.] Each fee paid [~~remitted to~~  
 5-61 ~~the comptroller] under Subsection (a) [~~this section~~] shall be~~  
 5-62 ~~deposited by the comptroller after receipt under Section 548.509 as~~  
 5-63 ~~follows:~~~~

5-64 (1) \$3.50 to the credit of the Texas mobility fund;

5-65 (2) \$2 to the credit of the general revenue fund; and

5-66 (3) \$2 to the credit of the clean air account.

5-67 (e) Each fee paid under Subsection (b) shall be deposited by  
 5-68 the comptroller after receipt under Section 548.509 as follows:

5-69 (1) \$12.75 to the credit of the Texas mobility fund;

6-1 (2) \$2 to the credit of the general revenue fund; and  
 6-2 (3) \$2 to the credit of the clean air account.

6-3 (f) A ~~[(c) The]~~ fee collected under this section  
 6-4 ~~[Subsection (a)]~~ is not a motor vehicle registration fee and the  
 6-5 revenue collected from the fee is not required to be used for a  
 6-6 purpose specified by Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas Constitution.

6-7 SECTION 22. Subchapter H, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,  
 6-8 is amended by adding Section 548.511 to read as follows:

6-9 Sec. 548.511. VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION PROGRAM  
 6-10 REPLACEMENT FEE. Section 548.510 does not apply to:

6-11 (1) a vehicle that is being registered under the  
 6-12 International Registration Plan as authorized by Section 502.091;

6-13 (2) a token trailer that is being registered under  
 6-14 Section 502.255, including a token trailer that is being registered  
 6-15 for an extended period under Section 502.0023;

6-16 (3) a vehicle that is issued a permit under Section  
 6-17 502.094 and is described by Section 502.094(e)(1) or (2);

6-18 (4) a former military vehicle that is issued a  
 6-19 specialty license plate under Section 504.502;

6-20 (5) a log loader vehicle that is issued a specialty  
 6-21 license plate under Section 504.506;

6-22 (6) farm machinery, road-building equipment, a farm  
 6-23 trailer, or a vehicle required to display a slow-moving-vehicle  
 6-24 emblem under Section 547.703;

6-25 (7) a commercial motor vehicle that is required to be  
 6-26 inspected under Subchapter D or that is subject to fees under  
 6-27 Section 548.203(c);

6-28 (8) a vehicle that is being registered under Section  
 6-29 548.256(b);

6-30 (9) a neighborhood electric vehicle, as defined by  
 6-31 Section 551.301;

6-32 (10) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile  
 6-33 home that:

6-34 (A) has an actual gross weight or registered  
 6-35 gross weight of 4,500 pounds or less; or

6-36 (B) will move under or bear a factory-delivery  
 6-37 license plate or in-transit license plate;

6-38 (11) a vehicle that will move under or bear a paper  
 6-39 dealer in-transit tag, machinery license, disaster license, parade  
 6-40 license, prorated tab, one-trip permit, vehicle temporary transit  
 6-41 permit, antique license, custom vehicle license, street rod  
 6-42 license, temporary 24-hour permit, or permit license; or

6-43 (12) a vehicle qualified for a tax exemption under  
 6-44 Section 152.092, Tax Code.

6-45 SECTION 23. Section 548.603(a), Transportation Code, is  
 6-46 amended to read as follows:

6-47 (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

6-48 (1) presents to an official of this state or a  
 6-49 political subdivision of this state a vehicle inspection report or  
 6-50 insurance document knowing that the report or document is  
 6-51 counterfeit, tampered with, altered, fictitious, issued for  
 6-52 another vehicle, issued for a vehicle failing to meet all emissions  
 6-53 inspection requirements, or issued in violation of:

6-54 (A) this chapter, rules adopted under this  
 6-55 chapter, or other law of this state; or

6-56 (B) a law of another state, the United States,  
 6-57 the United Mexican States, a state of the United Mexican States,  
 6-58 Canada, or a province of Canada; or

6-59 (2) ~~[with intent to circumvent the emissions~~  
 6-60 ~~inspection requirements seeks an inspection of a vehicle at a~~  
 6-61 ~~station not certified to perform an emissions inspection if the~~  
 6-62 ~~person knows that the vehicle is required to be inspected under~~  
 6-63 ~~Section 548.301, or~~

6-64 ~~[(3)]~~ knowingly does not comply with an emissions  
 6-65 inspection requirement for a vehicle.

6-66 SECTION 24. Section 548.604(a), Transportation Code, is  
 6-67 amended to read as follows:

6-68 (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates or  
 6-69 moves a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or

7-1 mobile home, or a combination of those vehicles, that is[+  
7-2 [~~(1)~~] equipped in violation of this chapter or a rule  
7-3 adopted under this chapter[~~, or~~  
7-4 [~~(2) in a mechanical condition that endangers a~~  
7-5 ~~person, including the operator or an occupant, or property]~~].

7-6 SECTION 25. Section 731.101(a), Transportation Code, is  
7-7 amended to read as follows:

7-8 (a) In addition to any [~~the~~] inspection required under  
7-9 Chapter 548, an assembled vehicle must pass an inspection conducted  
7-10 by a master technician for the type of assembled vehicle being  
7-11 inspected. The inspection must be conducted before issuance of a  
7-12 title for the assembled vehicle.

7-13 SECTION 26. The following provisions of the Transportation  
7-14 Code are repealed:

- 7-15 (1) the heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 548;
- 7-16 (2) Sections 548.051 and 548.052;
- 7-17 (3) the heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 548;
- 7-18 (4) Sections 548.101, 548.102, 548.103, and 548.104;
- 7-19 (5) Sections 548.301(d) and 548.3045(b); and
- 7-20 (6) Sections 548.501, 548.502, and 548.503.

7-21 SECTION 27. Not later than January 1, 2025, the Department  
7-22 of Public Safety shall submit to the lieutenant governor and the  
7-23 speaker of the house of representatives a report on changes in the  
7-24 department's expenses and income that result from implementing the  
7-25 changes in law required by this Act, including the increase or  
7-26 decrease, if any, of the number of full-time equivalent employees  
7-27 needed to administer Chapters 547 and 548, Transportation Code,  
7-28 between September 1, 2023, and the date the report is prepared.

7-29 SECTION 28. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
7-30 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
7-31 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
7-32 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
7-33 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
7-34 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
7-35 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
7-36 before that date.

7-37 SECTION 29. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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