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H.B. No. 3505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to motor vehicle safety inspections; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 548.002, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 548.002. DEPARTMENT RULES. (a) The department may adopt rules to administer and enforce this chapter.

(b) A rule adopted under this section may not prohibit the holder of a vehicle inspection station license from refusing to inspect a vehicle.

SECTION 2. Section 548.501, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 548.501. INSPECTION FEES GENERALLY. (a) Except as provided by Section [~~Sections 548.503 and~~ 548.504, an inspection station may charge a fee for performing an [~~the fee for~~] inspection of a motor vehicle in an amount set by the operator of the inspection station [~~other than a moped is \$12.50. The fee for inspection of a moped is \$5.75~~].

(b) For each inspection performed at an inspection station under this section, [~~Out of each fee for an inspection,~~] \$5.50 shall be remitted to the state under Section 548.509.

SECTION 3. Section 548.503, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 548.503. INITIAL TWO-YEAR INSPECTION OF PASSENGER CAR

1 OR LIGHT TRUCK. (a) An inspection station may charge a fee for
2 performing an [~~The fee for~~] inspection of a passenger car or light
3 truck under Section 548.102 in an amount [~~shall be~~] set by the
4 operator of the inspection station [~~department by rule on or before~~
5 ~~September 1 of each year. A fee set by the department under this~~
6 ~~subsection must be based on the costs of providing inspections and~~
7 ~~administering the program, but may not be less than \$21.75].~~

8 (b) For each inspection performed at an inspection station
9 under this section, [~~Out of each fee for an inspection under this~~
10 ~~section,~~] \$14.75 shall be remitted to the state under Section
11 548.509.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.