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H.B. No. 4127

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the initial registration and inspection period for certain rental vehicles; authorizing fees.

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

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

(a) Clean Air Act fees consist of:

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

(2) \$2 from the portion of each fee collected for inspections of vehicles other than mopeds and remitted to the state under Sections 548.501 and 548.503, Transportation Code;

(3) \$4 from the portion of each fee collected for an inspection of a vehicle and remitted to the state under Section 548.5035, Transportation Code; and

(4) [~~3~~] fees collected that are required under Section 185 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7511d).

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.0026 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.0026. EXTENDED REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN RENTAL VEHICLES. (a) Notwithstanding Section 502.044, the initial registration period is three years for a passenger car or light truck:

1 (1) that is sold in this state or purchased by a
2 commercial fleet buyer described by Section 501.0234(b)(4) for use
3 in this state;

4 (2) that has not been previously registered in this or
5 another state;

6 (3) that on the date of sale is of the current or
7 preceding model year; and

8 (4) for which a rental certificate has been furnished
9 as described by Section 152.061(b), Tax Code.

10 (b) Payment for all applicable fees, including any optional
11 fee imposed under Subchapter H and other registration fees and the
12 fee required by Section 548.5035, for the entire registration
13 period is due at the time of registration.

14 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,
15 is amended by adding Section 548.1025 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 548.1025. THREE-YEAR INITIAL INSPECTION PERIOD FOR
17 CERTAIN RENTAL VEHICLES. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the
18 initial inspection period is three years for a passenger car or
19 light truck:

20 (1) that is sold in this state or purchased by a
21 commercial fleet buyer described by Section 501.0234(b)(4) for use
22 in this state;

23 (2) that has not been previously registered in this or
24 another state;

25 (3) that on the date of sale is of the current or
26 preceding model year; and

27 (4) for which a rental certificate has been furnished

1 as described by Section 152.061(b), Tax Code.

2 (b) This section does not affect a requirement that a motor
3 vehicle emission inspection be conducted in a county covered by an
4 inspection and maintenance program approved by the United States
5 Environmental Protection Agency under Section 548.301 and the Clean
6 Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.).

7 SECTION 4. Section 548.501(a), Transportation Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) Except as provided by Sections 548.503, 548.5035, and
10 548.504, the fee for inspection of a motor vehicle other than a
11 moped is \$12.50. The fee for inspection of a moped is \$5.75.

12 SECTION 5. Subchapter H, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,
13 is amended by adding Section 548.5035 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 548.5035. INITIAL THREE-YEAR INSPECTION OF CERTAIN
15 RENTAL VEHICLES. (a) The fee for inspection of a passenger car or
16 light truck under Section 548.1025 shall be set by the department by
17 rule on or before September 1 of each year.

18 (b) A fee set by the department under this section must:

19 (1) be based on the costs of providing inspections and
20 administering the program; and

21 (2) be calculated to ensure that the state receives at
22 least the same amount of revenue from the fee over a three-year
23 period that the state would have received if the vehicle was subject
24 to Section 548.102.

25 (c) The department by rule shall establish the amount of the
26 fee for an inspection under this section that shall be remitted to
27 the state under Section 548.509.

1 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.