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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the use of the TexasOnline project in connection with the purchasing of motor vehicle inspection certificates and the sending of inspection records, reports, and information to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 548.251 and 548.253, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 548.251. DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE INSPECTION CERTIFICATES AND VERIFICATION FORMS. (a) The department shall provide serially numbered inspection certificates and verification forms to inspection stations. The department may issue a unique inspection certificate for:

(1) a commercial motor vehicle inspected under Section 548.201; or

(2) a vehicle inspected under Subchapter F.

(b) The department may adopt rules that require an inspection station to purchase inspection certificates by using the TexasOnline project under Subchapter I, Chapter 2054, Government Code, as added by Chapter 342, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

Sec. 548.253. INFORMATION TO BE RECORDED ON ISSUANCE OF INSPECTION CERTIFICATE AND VERIFICATION FORM. (a) An inspection station or inspector, on issuing an inspection certificate and

1 verification form, shall:

2 (1) make a record and report as prescribed by the  
3 department of the inspection and certificate issued; and

4 (2) include in the inspection certificate and  
5 verification form the information required by the department for  
6 the type of vehicle inspected.

7 (b) The department may adopt rules that require an  
8 inspection station to send a record, report, or information  
9 required by the department to the department by using the  
10 TexasOnline project under Subchapter I, Chapter 2054, Government  
11 Code, as added by Chapter 342, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular  
12 Session, 2001.

13 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,  
14 is amended by adding Section 548.5075 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 548.5075. ADDITIONAL FEES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH  
16 USE OF TEXASONLINE PROJECT. (a) In addition to any other fee under  
17 this subchapter for inspection of a motor vehicle, including a  
18 commercial motor vehicle, an inspection station may charge and  
19 collect an amount in reasonable proportion to the costs incurred by  
20 the inspection station in connection with:

21 (1) the purchase of inspection certificates from the  
22 department under a rule adopted under Section 548.251(b); or

23 (2) the sending of records, reports, or information to  
24 the department under a rule adopted under Section 548.253(b).

25 (b) The department shall adopt rules to implement and  
26 administer this section.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect on November 1, 2003.