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S.B. No. 44

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of the TexasOnline project in connection with
3 the purchasing of motor vehicle inspection certificates and the
4 sending of inspection records, reports, and information to the
5 Department of Public Safety.

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

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

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

14 (1) a commercial motor vehicle inspected under Section
15 548.201; or

16 (2) a vehicle inspected under Subchapter F.

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

22 Sec. 548.253. INFORMATION TO BE RECORDED ON ISSUANCE OF
23 INSPECTION CERTIFICATE AND VERIFICATION FORM. (a) An inspection
24 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 authorize 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

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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.