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H.B. No. 2843

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to required participation by certain counties in the
3 vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 382, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 382.217 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 382.217. REQUIRED PARTICIPATION BY CERTAIN COUNTIES.

8 (a) This section applies only to a county with a population of
9 650,000 or more that borders the United Mexican States.

10 (b) A county that was at any time required, because of the
11 county's designation as a nonattainment area under Section 107(d)
12 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7407), to
13 participate in the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance
14 program under this subchapter and Subchapter F, Chapter 548,
15 Transportation Code, shall continue to participate in the program
16 even if the county is designated as an attainment area under the
17 federal Clean Air Act.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.