

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3457** by Branch (Relating to the compulsory inspection of motor vehicles; providing penalties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 548 of the Transportation Code to state that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) may impose a \$500 administrative penalty for each violation of the statutory requirement for a compulsory inspection of a motor vehicle. The bill states an inspection station and inspectors who violate this provision are liable for a civil penalty between \$250 and \$500 for each violation. The bill also requires each application to be accompanied by a \$500 surety bond. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.

The Department of Public Safety and TCEQ anticipate no significant fiscal impact to their agencies.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill would permit a district or county attorney to file a civil suit in the county in which a violation occurs to recover a penalty or a bond on behalf of the state. No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety

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