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H.B. No. 828

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the emissions inspection and safety certification of vehicles retrofitted to operate on compressed natural gas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 548, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 548.308 to read as follows:

Sec. 548.308. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF VEHICLES RETROFITTED TO OPERATE ON COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS. (a) In this section, "CSA America CNG Fuel System Inspector" means a person who has successfully completed the CSA Standards compressed natural gas certification program.

(b) An owner of a vehicle retrofitted to operate on compressed natural gas may not operate the vehicle unless:

(1) an emissions test is performed on the vehicle before and after the vehicle is retrofitted, and the post-conversion test emissions level is as good as or better than that of the baseline test; and

(2) the vehicle is certified as safe in accordance with relevant standards by an inspector who is a CSA America CNG Fuel System Inspector or has equivalent qualifications.

SECTION 2. Section 548.308, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a vehicle retrofitted to operate on compressed natural gas on or after September 1, 2013.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.