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H.B. No. 2144

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to authorizing a fee increase for a compulsory inspection  
3 of a motor vehicle.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 548.501, 548.502, 548.503, 548.504, and  
6 548.508, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 548.501. INSPECTION FEES GENERALLY. (a) Except as  
8 provided by Sections 548.503 and 548.504, the fee for inspection of  
9 a motor vehicle other than a moped is \$13.50 [~~\$12.50~~]. The fee for  
10 inspection of a moped is \$6.75 [~~\$5.75~~]. The fee for a verification  
11 form issued as required by Section 548.256 is \$1.

12 (b) An inspection station shall pay to the department \$6.50  
13 [~~\$5.50~~] of each fee for an inspection. The department may require  
14 the station to make an advance payment of \$6.50 [~~\$5.50~~] for each  
15 inspection certificate provided to the station. If advance payment  
16 is made:

17 (1) no further payment may be required on issuance of a  
18 certificate;

19 (2) the inspection station may waive the fee due from  
20 the owner of an inspected vehicle who is issued a certificate to  
21 which the advance payment applies;

22 (3) the department shall refund to the inspection  
23 station \$6.50 [~~\$5.50~~] for each unissued certificate that the  
24 station returns to the department in accordance with department

1 rules; and

2 (4) the conservation commission shall pay to the  
3 department \$2 for each unissued certificate that the station  
4 returns to the department.

5 Sec. 548.502. INSPECTION BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR STATE  
6 AGENCY. A political subdivision or state agency for which the  
7 department certifies an inspection station under Section 548.004:

8 (1) shall pay to the department an advance payment of  
9 \$6.50 [~~\$5.50~~] for each inspection certificate provided to it; and

10 (2) may not be required to pay the compulsory  
11 inspection fee.

12 Sec. 548.503. INITIAL TWO-YEAR INSPECTION OF PASSENGER CAR  
13 OR LIGHT TRUCK. (a) The fee for inspection of a passenger car or  
14 light truck under Section 548.102 shall be set by the department by  
15 rule on or before September 1 of each year. A fee set by the  
16 department under this subsection must be based on the costs of  
17 producing certificates, providing inspections, and administering  
18 the program, but may not be less than \$22.75 [~~\$21.75~~].

19 (b) The department shall require an inspection station to  
20 make an advance payment of \$15.75 [~~\$14.75~~] for a certificate to be  
21 issued under this section. Additional payment may not be required  
22 of the station for the certificate. The inspection station may  
23 waive the fee due from the owner of the vehicle inspected. A refund  
24 for an unissued certificate shall be made in the same manner as  
25 provided for other certificate refunds.

26 Sec. 548.504. INSPECTION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE. (a)  
27 The fee for inspection of a commercial motor vehicle under the

1 program established under Section 548.201 is \$51 [~~\$50~~].

2 (b) The inspection station shall pay to the department \$11  
3 [~~\$10~~] of each fee for inspection of a commercial motor vehicle. The  
4 department may require the station to make an advance payment of \$11  
5 [~~\$10~~] for a certificate to be issued under this section. If advance  
6 payment is made:

7 (1) no additional payment may be required of the  
8 station for the certificate; and

9 (2) a refund for an unissued certificate shall be made  
10 in the same manner as provided for other certificate refunds.

11 Sec. 548.508. DISPOSITION OF FEES. (a) Except as provided  
12 by Sections 382.0622 and 382.202, Health and Safety Code, [~~and~~]  
13 Section 548.5055, and Subsection (b), each fee collected by the  
14 department under this subchapter shall be deposited to the credit  
15 of the Texas mobility fund.

16 (b) Of the amounts collected under Sections 548.501,  
17 548.502, 548.503, and 548.504, one dollar shall be deposited to the  
18 credit of the general revenue fund and appropriated to the  
19 department to cover the costs of administering this chapter.

20 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
21 the fee for a vehicle inspection performed on or after the effective  
22 date of this Act. A fee for a vehicle inspection performed before  
23 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when  
24 the inspection was performed, and the former law is continued in  
25 effect for that purpose.

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