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H.B. No. 2305

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to motor vehicle inspection requirements for vehicles equipped with compressed natural gas containers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 548.104(d), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) An inspection station or inspector may not issue an inspection certificate for a vehicle equipped with:

(1) a carburetion device permitting the use of liquefied gas alone or interchangeably with another fuel, unless a valid liquefied gas tax decal issued by the comptroller is attached to the lower right-hand corner of the front windshield of the vehicle on the passenger side; ~~or~~

(2) a sunscreening device prohibited by Section 547.613, except that the department by rule shall provide procedures for issuance of an inspection certificate for a vehicle exempt under Section 547.613(c); or

(3) a compressed natural gas container unless the owner demonstrates in accordance with department rules proof:

(A) that:

(i) the container has met the inspection requirements under 49 C.F.R. Section 571.304; and

(ii) the manufacturer's recommended service life for the container, as stated on the container label required by

1 49 C.F.R. Section 571.304, has not expired; or

2 (B) that the vehicle is a fleet vehicle for which
3 the fleet operator employs a technician certified to inspect the
4 container.

5 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2014, the
6 Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules relating to the proof
7 required by Section 548.104(d), Transportation Code, as amended by
8 this Act.

9 (b) The change in law made by Section 548.104(d),
10 Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a
11 vehicle inspected on or after September 1, 2014.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.