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H.B. No. 2305

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to inspection of compressed natural gas containers on
3 motor vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 548.051(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or
8 mobile home, registered in this state, must have the following
9 items inspected at an inspection station or by an inspector:

- 10 (1) tires;
- 11 (2) wheel assembly;
- 12 (3) safety guards or flaps, if required by Section
13 547.606;
- 14 (4) brake system, including power brake unit;
- 15 (5) steering system, including power steering;
- 16 (6) lighting equipment;
- 17 (7) horns and warning devices;
- 18 (8) mirrors;
- 19 (9) windshield wipers;
- 20 (10) sunscreening devices, unless the vehicle is
21 exempt from sunscreen device restrictions under Section 547.613;
- 22 (11) front seat belts in vehicles on which seat belt
23 anchorages were part of the manufacturer's original equipment;
- 24 (12) tax decal, if required by Section 548.104(d)(1);

- 1 (13) exhaust system;
- 2 (14) exhaust emission system;
- 3 (15) fuel tank cap, using pressurized testing
4 equipment approved by department rule; ~~and~~
- 5 (16) emissions control equipment as designated by
6 department rule; and
- 7 (17) for a vehicle powered fully or partly by
8 compressed natural gas, the compressed natural gas container, as
9 provided by Section 548.104(f).

10 SECTION 2. Section 548.104, Transportation Code, is amended
11 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

12 (f) Commission rules adopted for the inspection of a
13 compressed natural gas container must prohibit the issuance of an
14 inspection certificate if:

15 (1) the container is unsafe due to damage or
16 deterioration; or

17 (2) the manufacturer's recommended service life for
18 the container, as stated on the container label required by federal
19 motor vehicle safety standards, has expired.

20 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Public
21 Safety Commission shall adopt rules governing the inspection of
22 compressed natural gas containers, as required by Sections
23 548.051(a)(17) and 548.104(f), Transportation Code, as added by
24 this Act.

25 (b) The changes in law made by Section 548.051(a)(17) and
26 548.104(f), Transportation Code, as added by this Act, apply only
27 to a vehicle inspected on or after September 1, 2014.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.