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H.B. No. 1713

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the modification or reprogramming of the exhaust  
3 emission system of a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit soot,  
4 smoke, or other particulate matter; creating an offense.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 547.605(c), Transportation Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (c) The owner or operator of a motor vehicle or motor  
9 vehicle engine, of a model year after 1967, that is equipped with an  
10 exhaust emission system:

11 (1) shall maintain the system in good working  
12 condition;

13 (2) shall use the system when the motor vehicle or  
14 motor vehicle engine is operated; ~~and~~

15 (3) may not remove the system or a part of the system  
16 or intentionally make the system inoperable in this state, unless  
17 the owner or operator removes the system or part to install another  
18 system or part intended to be equally effective in reducing  
19 atmospheric emissions; and

20 (4) if the motor vehicle is diesel-powered, may not  
21 modify or reprogram the system or a part of the system in a manner  
22 that the owner or operator knows or should know will increase the  
23 motor vehicle's capacity to emit soot, smoke, or other particulate  
24 matter.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.