

AN ACT

relating to vehicle safety inspections, including vehicles exempt from those inspections.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.012. NOTICE REGARDING WHETHER CERTAIN TRAILERS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION. The department shall include in each registration renewal notice for a vehicle that is a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer a statement regarding whether the vehicle is subject to inspection under Chapter 548.

SECTION 2. Section 548.005, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 548.005. INSPECTION ONLY BY CERTAIN [~~STATE-CERTIFIED AND SUPERVISED~~] INSPECTION STATIONS [~~STATION~~]. A compulsory inspection under this chapter may be made only by an inspection station, except that the department may:

(1) permit inspection to be made by an inspector under terms and conditions the department prescribes;

(2) authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and approval issued in another state having a similar inspection law; [~~and~~]

(3) authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and approval issued in compliance with 49

1 C.F.R. Part 396 to a motor bus, as defined by Section 502.001, that
2 is registered in this state but is not domiciled in this state; and

3 (4) authorize the acceptance in this state of a
4 certificate of inspection and approval issued:

5 (A) by an inspector qualified under 49 C.F.R.
6 Part 396 acting as an employee or authorized agent of the owner of a
7 commercial fleet, as defined in Section 502.001; and

8 (B) to a motor vehicle or trailer that is:

9 (i) part of the fleet; and

10 (ii) registered or in the process of being
11 registered in this state.

12 SECTION 3. Section 548.052, Transportation Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 548.052. VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION. This
15 chapter does not apply to:

16 (1) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile
17 home moving under or bearing a current factory-delivery license
18 plate or current in-transit license plate;

19 (2) a vehicle moving under or bearing a paper dealer
20 in-transit tag, machinery license, disaster license, parade
21 license, prorated tab, one-trip permit, vehicle temporary transit
22 permit, antique license, custom vehicle license, street rod
23 license, temporary 24-hour permit, or permit license;

24 (3) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile
25 home having an actual gross weight or registered gross weight of
26 7,500 [~~4,500~~] pounds or less;

27 (4) farm machinery, road-building equipment, a farm

1 trailer, or a vehicle required to display a slow-moving-vehicle
2 emblem under Section 547.703;

3 (5) a former military vehicle, as defined by Section
4 504.502;

5 (6) a vehicle qualified for a tax exemption under
6 Section 152.092, Tax Code; or

7 (7) a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been
8 issued but that is not required to be registered.

9 SECTION 4. Subchapter H, Chapter 548, Transportation Code,
10 is amended by adding Section 548.510 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 548.510. FEE FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO
12 INSPECTION; COLLECTION OF FEE DURING REGISTRATION. (a) A vehicle
13 described by Section 548.052(3) that has an actual gross weight or
14 registered gross weight of more than 4,500 pounds is subject to a
15 fee in the amount of \$7.50.

16 (b) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles or a county
17 assessor-collector that registers a vehicle described by
18 Subsection (a) shall collect at the time of registration of the
19 vehicle the fee prescribed by Subsection (a). The Texas Department
20 of Motor Vehicles or the county assessor-collector, as applicable,
21 shall remit the fee to the comptroller. Each fee remitted to the
22 comptroller under this section shall be deposited as follows:

23 (1) \$3.50 to the credit of the Texas mobility fund;

24 (2) \$2 to the credit of the general revenue fund; and

25 (3) \$2 to the credit of the clean air account.

26 (c) The fee collected under Subsection (a) is not a motor
27 vehicle registration fee and the revenue collected from the fee is

1 not required to be used for a purpose specified by Section 7-a,
2 Article VIII, Texas Constitution.

3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1001 passed the Senate on May 1, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 26, 2017, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 2017, House granted request of the Senate; May 28, 2017, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1001 passed the House, with amendments, on May 21, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 1, one present not voting; May 27, 2017, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 28, 2017, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 4, four present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor