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
C.F.R. Part 396 to a motor bus, as defined by Section 502.001, that
is registered in this state but is not domiciled in this state; and
(4) authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and approval issued:
   (A) by an inspector qualified under 49 C.F.R.
   Part 396 acting as an employee or authorized agent of the owner of a commercial fleet, as defined in Section 502.001; and
   (B) to a motor vehicle or trailer that is:
      (i) part of the fleet; and
      (ii) registered or in the process of being registered in this state.

SECTION 3. Section 548.052, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 548.052. VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION. This chapter does not apply to:
   (1) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile home moving under or bearing a current factory-delivery license plate or current in-transit license plate;
   (2) a vehicle moving under or bearing a paper dealer in-transit tag, machinery license, disaster license, parade license, prorate tab, one-trip permit, vehicle temporary transit permit, antique license, custom vehicle license, street rod license, temporary 24-hour permit, or permit license;
   (3) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile home having an actual gross weight or registered gross weight of 7,500 [4,500] pounds or less;
   (4) farm machinery, road-building equipment, a farm
trailer, or a vehicle required to display a slow-moving-vehicle emblem under Section 547.703;
(5) a former military vehicle, as defined by Section 504.502;
(6) a vehicle qualified for a tax exemption under Section 152.092, Tax Code; or
(7) a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued but that is not required to be registered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The fee collected under Subsection (a) is not a motor vehicle registration fee and the revenue collected from the fee is
not required to be used for a purpose specified by Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.
S.B. No. 1001

President of the Senate

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