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By:  Middleton H.B. No. 3129

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exemption of authorized emergency vehicles from vehicle safety inspections.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 548.052, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 548.052.  APPLICABILITY [~~VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION~~]. (a) 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 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.

(b)  The vehicle safety inspection requirements of this chapter do not apply to an authorized emergency vehicle.

SECTION 2.  Section 548.510(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  A vehicle described by Section 548.052(a)(3) [~~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.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.