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H.B. No. 2165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required motor vehicle emissions inspections in certain border counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 382.202(c), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the program is established under this section, the commission:

(1) shall adopt vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance requirements for certain areas as required by federal law or regulation; ~~and~~

(2) shall adopt vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance requirements for counties not subject to a specific federal requirement in response to a formal request by resolutions adopted by the county and the most populous municipality within the county according to the most recent federal decennial census; and

(3) shall adopt vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance requirements for counties not described by Subdivision (1) or (2) that:

(A) border the United Mexican States; and

(B) contain an overweight corridor, as defined by Section 548.301, Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. Section 548.301, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

1 (a-1) The commission by rule shall establish a motor vehicle
2 emissions inspection and maintenance program for vehicles located
3 in a county that:

4 (1) borders the United Mexican States; and

5 (2) contains an overweight corridor.

6 (a-2) For purposes of Subsection (a-1), "overweight
7 corridor" means a designated section of a state highway for which an
8 optional procedure is authorized under Chapter 623 for the issuance
9 of permits:

10 (1) by entities other than the department or the Texas
11 Department of Motor Vehicles; and

12 (2) for the movement of oversize or overweight
13 vehicles.

14 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
15 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the
16 Public Safety Commission shall adopt the requirements and rules
17 necessary to implement Section 382.202, Health and Safety Code, and
18 Section 548.301, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.