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H.B. No. 3528

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration and inspection of vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 382.0622(a), Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapters 362 (S.B. 2102) and 851 (H.B. 3297), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a) Clean Air Act fees consist of:

(1) fees collected by the commission under Sections 382.062, 382.0621, 382.202, and 382.302 and as otherwise provided by law;

(2) each amount designated ~~[described]~~ by Section 548.510 ~~[Sections 548.510(d)(3) and (e)(3)]~~, Transportation Code, for deposit to the credit of the clean air account; and

~~[(3) \$6 from the portion of each fee collected for an inspection of a vehicle and remitted to the state under Section 548.5035, Transportation Code, and]~~

(3) fees collected that are required under Section 185 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7511d).

SECTION 2. Section 382.202(d-2), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d-2) If approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as part of the state's air quality state implementation plan, ~~[provides for a three-year emissions~~

1 ~~inspection period for a vehicle described by Section 548.1025(a),~~  
2 ~~Transportation Code.~~

3 ~~[(1) the system implemented by]~~ the Department of  
4 Public Safety of the State of Texas shall provide under Subsection  
5 (d) ~~[shall provide]~~ for a three-year emissions inspection period  
6 for a vehicle registered under ~~[described by]~~ Section 502.0026  
7 ~~[548.1025(a)]~~, Transportation Code. ~~The [ , and~~

8 ~~[(2) the]~~ commission shall establish and assess fees  
9 for an [the] emissions inspection conducted under this section ~~[of~~  
10 ~~a vehicle described by Section 548.1025(a), Transportation Code,~~  
11 in amounts calculated to provide the same revenue that would be  
12 provided if the vehicle was inspected annually or biennially.

13 SECTION 3. Section 502.0026(b), Transportation Code, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (b) Payment for all applicable fees, including any optional  
16 fee imposed under Subchapter H and other registration fees and the  
17 fee required by Section 548.510 ~~[548.5035]~~, for the entire  
18 registration period is due at the time of registration.

19 SECTION 4. Section 502.044, Transportation Code, is amended  
20 by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (e) to read as  
21 follows:

22 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department shall  
23 designate a vehicle registration period of 24 consecutive months to  
24 begin on the first day of a calendar month and end on the last day of  
25 the 24th calendar month for a passenger car or light truck that:

26 (1) is sold in this state or purchased by a commercial  
27 fleet buyer described by Section 501.0234(b)(4) for use in this

1 state;

2 (2) has not been previously registered in this or  
3 another state; and

4 (3) on the date of sale is of the current or preceding  
5 model year.

6 (e) The department shall use the date of sale of the vehicle  
7 in designating the registration period [~~year~~] for a vehicle for  
8 which registration is applied [~~for~~] under Section 501.0234.

9 SECTION 5. The heading to Section 548.510, Transportation  
10 Code, as amended by Chapters 851 (H.B. 3297) and 999 (H.B. 198),  
11 Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is reenacted  
12 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 548.510. INSPECTION PROGRAM REPLACEMENT FEE.

14 SECTION 6. Section 548.510(a), Transportation Code, as  
15 amended by Chapters 851 (H.B. 3297) and 999 (H.B. 198), Acts of the  
16 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is reenacted and amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 (a) In [~~Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (c), in~~]  
19 addition to other fees imposed at the time of registration, at the  
20 time of application for initial registration or renewal of  
21 registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole  
22 trailer, or mobile home, the applicant shall pay an annual fee of  
23 \$7.50.

24 SECTION 7. Section 548.510, Transportation Code, is amended  
25 by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (e-1) to  
26 read as follows:

27 (b) Instead of the fee provided by Subsection (a), an

1 applicant shall pay a one-time fee of \$16.75 if the application is  
2 for the initial registration of a passenger car or light truck under  
3 Section 502.044(a-1) ~~[that:~~

4 ~~[(1) is sold in this state or purchased by a commercial~~  
5 ~~fleet buyer described by Section 501.0234(b)(4) for use in this~~  
6 ~~state;~~

7 ~~[(2) has not been previously registered in this or~~  
8 ~~another state; and~~

9 ~~[(3) on the date of sale is of the current model year~~  
10 ~~or preceding model year].~~

11 ~~[(c)]~~ An applicant who pays a fee under this subsection  
12 ~~[Subsection (b)]~~ for a registration year is not required to pay a  
13 fee under Subsection (a) for the next registration year for the same  
14 vehicle.

15 (c) Instead of the fee provided by Subsection (a) or (b), an  
16 applicant shall pay a one-time fee of \$22.25 if the application is  
17 for the initial registration of a passenger car or light truck under  
18 Section 502.0026. An applicant who pays a fee under this subsection  
19 for a registration year is not required to pay a fee under  
20 Subsection (a) for the next two registration years for the same  
21 vehicle.

22 (e-1) Each fee paid under Subsection (c) shall be deposited  
23 by the comptroller after receipt under Section 548.509 as follows:

24 (1) \$16.25 to the credit of the Texas mobility fund;  
25 and

26 (2) \$6 to the credit of the clean air account.

27 SECTION 8. The following sections of the Transportation

1 Code are repealed:

2 (1) 548.051(a) and (c);

3 (2) 548.052;

4 (3) 548.054;

5 (4) 548.1025;

6 (5) 548.104(d);

7 (6) 548.501(a); and

8 (7) 548.5035.

9 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.