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H.B. No. 4192

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; and

~~(2) [each amount described by Sections 548.510(d)(3) and (e)(3), Transportation Code; 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 inspection period for a vehicle described by Section 548.1025(a),~~

~~Transportation Code.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 Sec. 548.510. INSPECTION PROGRAM REPLACEMENT FEE. (a) In
13 [~~Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (c), in~~] addition to
14 other fees imposed at the time of registration, at the time of
15 application for initial registration or renewal of registration of
16 a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile
17 home, the applicant shall pay an annual fee of \$3.50 [~~\$7.50~~].

18 (b) Instead of the fee provided by Subsection (a), an
19 applicant shall pay a one-time fee of \$12.75 [~~\$16.75~~] if the
20 application is for the initial registration of a passenger car or
21 light truck under Section 502.044(a-1) [~~that:~~

22 ~~[(1) is sold in this state or purchased by a commercial~~
23 ~~fleet buyer described by Section 501.0234(b)(4) for use in this~~
24 ~~state,~~

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

27 ~~[(3) on the date of sale is of the current model year~~

1 ~~or preceding model year]~~.

2 ~~[(c)]~~ An applicant who pays a fee under this subsection
3 ~~[Subsection (b)]~~ for a registration year is not required to pay a
4 fee under Subsection (a) for the next registration year for the same
5 vehicle.

6 (c) Instead of the fee provided by Subsection (a) or (b), an
7 applicant shall pay a one-time fee of \$16.25 if the application is
8 for the initial registration of a passenger car or light truck under
9 Section 502.0026. An applicant who pays a fee under this subsection
10 for a registration year is not required to pay a fee under
11 Subsection (a) for the next two registration years for the same
12 vehicle.

13 (d) Each fee paid under this section ~~[Subsection (a)]~~ shall
14 be deposited to the credit of the Texas mobility fund by the
15 comptroller after receipt under Section 548.509 ~~[as follows:~~

- 16 ~~[(1) \$3.50 to the credit of the Texas mobility fund,~~
17 ~~[(2) \$2 to the credit of the general revenue fund, and~~
18 ~~[(3) \$2 to the credit of the clean air account].~~

19 ~~(e) [Each fee paid under Subsection (b) shall be deposited~~
20 ~~by the comptroller after receipt under Section 548.509 as follows:~~

- 21 ~~[(1) \$12.75 to the credit of the Texas mobility fund,~~
22 ~~[(2) \$2 to the credit of the general revenue fund, and~~
23 ~~[(3) \$2 to the credit of the clean air account.~~

24 ~~[(f)]~~ A fee collected under this section is not a motor
25 vehicle registration fee and the revenue collected from the fee is
26 not required to be used for a purpose specified by Section 7-a,
27 Article VIII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 6. The following provisions of the Transportation Code are repealed:

- (1) Sections 548.051(a) and (c);
- (2) Section 548.052;
- (3) Section 548.054;
- (4) Section 548.1025;
- (5) Section 548.104(d);
- (6) Section 548.501(a); and
- (7) Section 548.5035.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.