

1-1 By: Miles S.B. No. 1729  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2025; March 13, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
1-4 March 27, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 27, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X			
1-9	West	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Johnson	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Miles	X			
1-16	Perry	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the registration and inspection of vehicles.  
1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-21 SECTION 1. Section 382.0622(a), Health and Safety Code, as  
1-22 amended by Chapters 362 (S.B. 2102) and 851 (H.B. 3297), Acts of the  
1-23 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is reenacted and amended  
1-24 to read as follows:  
1-25 (a) Clean Air Act fees consist of:  
1-26 (1) fees collected by the commission under Sections  
1-27 382.062, 382.0621, 382.202, and 382.302 and as otherwise provided  
1-28 by law;  
1-29 (2) each amount designated ~~[described]~~ by Section  
1-30 548.510 ~~[Sections 548.510(d)(3) and (e)(3)]~~, Transportation Code,  
1-31 ~~for deposit to the credit of the clean air account; and~~  
1-32 ~~[(3) \$6 from the portion of each fee collected for an~~  
1-33 ~~inspection of a vehicle and remitted to the state under Section~~  
1-34 ~~548.5035, Transportation Code; and]~~  
1-35 (3) fees collected that are required under Section 185  
1-36 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7511d).  
1-37 SECTION 2. Section 382.202(d-2), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-38 amended to read as follows:  
1-39 (d-2) If approved by the United States Environmental  
1-40 Protection Agency as part of the state's air quality state  
1-41 implementation plan, ~~[provides for a three-year emissions~~  
1-42 ~~inspection period for a vehicle described by Section 548.1025(a),~~  
1-43 ~~Transportation Code.~~  
1-44 ~~[(1) the system implemented by]~~ the Department of  
1-45 Public Safety of the State of Texas shall provide under Subsection  
1-46 (d) ~~[shall provide]~~ for a three-year emissions inspection period  
1-47 for a vehicle registered under ~~[described by]~~ Section 502.0026  
1-48 ~~[548.1025(a)]~~, Transportation Code. The ~~[, and~~  
1-49 ~~[(2) the]~~ commission shall establish and assess fees  
1-50 for an ~~[the]~~ emissions inspection conducted under this section ~~[of~~  
1-51 ~~a vehicle described by Section 548.1025(a), Transportation Code,~~  
1-52 in amounts calculated to provide the same revenue that would be  
1-53 provided if the vehicle was inspected annually or biennially.  
1-54 SECTION 3. Section 502.0026(b), Transportation Code, is  
1-55 amended to read as follows:  
1-56 (b) Payment for all applicable fees, including any optional  
1-57 fee imposed under Subchapter H and other registration fees and the  
1-58 fee required by Section 548.510 ~~[548.5035]~~, for the entire  
1-59 registration period is due at the time of registration.  
1-60 SECTION 4. Section 502.044, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-61 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;

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

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

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

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

Sec. 548.510. INSPECTION PROGRAM REPLACEMENT FEE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 8. The following sections of the Transportation Code are repealed:

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

(2) 548.052;

(3) 548.054;

(4) 548.1025;

(5) 548.104(d);

(6) 548.501(a); and

(7) 548.5035.

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