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S.B. No. 2243

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to require that a vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer have a vehicle identification number inspection.

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

SECTION 1. Section 501.032, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) A ~~[In addition to any requirement established by department rule, a]~~ motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer must have an identification number inspection under Section 501.0321 if:

(1) the department does not have a motor vehicle record for the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer in the department's registration and title system, and the owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is filing a bond with the department under Section 501.053;

(2) the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer was last titled or registered outside of the United States and imported into the United States; or

(3) the owner or person claiming ownership requires an assigned or reassigned identification number under Section 501.033.

(a-1) The department by rule may establish additional categories of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers not

1 specified in Subsection (a) that are required to have vehicle
2 identification number inspections under Section 501.0321.

3 SECTION 2. Section 501.0321(a), Transportation Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (a) An inspection required under Section 501.032 or a rule
6 adopted under that section must verify, as applicable, the identity
7 of:

- 8 (1) a motor vehicle;
- 9 (2) a trailer or semitrailer;
- 10 (3) a frame, body, or motor of a motor vehicle; or
- 11 (4) an item of equipment not required to be titled but
12 that may be registered under Chapter 502 or issued licensed plates
13 under Chapter 504.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.