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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

20 (3) the owner or person claiming ownership requires an
21 assigned or reassigned identification number under Section
22 501.033.

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

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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.