

- SUBJECT:** Extending the initial two-year inspection period to certain fleet vehicles
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 11 ayes — Pickett, Martinez, Burkett, Y. Davis, Fletcher, Harless, Israel, Murr, Paddie, Phillips, Simmons
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — McClendon
- WITNESSES:** For — Don Schwent, EAN Holdings, LLC dba Enterprise, Alamo and National Car Rental; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Galt Graydon, Avis/Budget)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jeremiah Kuntz, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; James Bass, TxDOT)
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code, sec. 548.101 requires a general one-year inspection period for vehicles. Sec. 548.102 permits a two-year initial inspection period for passenger cars or light trucks that are sold in the state, that have never been registered in any state, and that have a model year that is the year of sale or the preceding year.
- Sec. 501.0234(b)(4) exempts certain commercial fleet buyers from a dealer requirement to apply for the registration and title of a vehicle. Commercial fleet buyers handle their own titling and registration process, rather than the dealer, if they are authorized county deputies and use the dealer title application process to submit title information to the county.
- HB 2305 by E. Rodriguez, enacted by the 83rd Legislature in 2013, eliminated separate vehicle stickers for inspection and registration. This has required buyers of fleet vehicles, including rental car companies, to keep track of inspection periods of different lengths for their vehicles that

were purchased in and out of Texas

DIGEST:

HB 2115 would extend the initial two-year inspection period to include passenger cars and light trucks purchased for use in this state by a commercial fleet buyer, as described by Transportation Code, sec. 501.0234(b)(4). The vehicle would not have to be sold in the state, but as required in current law for the two-year inspection period, the vehicle could not have been previously registered in a state and would have to have a model year that was the date of sale or the preceding year.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2015.