

SUBJECT: Including safety recall information in vehicle inspection reports

COMMITTEE: Homeland Security and Public Safety — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Nevárez, Paul, Burns, Calanni, Goodwin, Israel, Lang, Tinderholt

0 nays

1 absent — Clardy

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, May 1 — 31-0

WITNESSES: *On House companion bill, HB 1692:*
For — Mike Sullivan, Group 1 Automotive; Laird Doran, The Friedkin Group, Gulf States Toyota, Inc.; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Drew Campbell, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers; Joe Woods, American Property Casualty Insurance Association; Trent Townsend, Dallas Fort Worth New Car Dealers Association; Frederick Frazier, Dallas Police Association; Eric Wright, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles; Ashley Morgan, General Motors; Taylor Landin, Greater Houston Partnership; Wyatt Wainwright, Houston Auto Dealers Association; Jessica Anderson, Houston Police Department; Ray Hunt, Houston Police Officers Union; Christopher Lutton, San Antonio Police Department; Lee Parsley, Texans for Lawsuit Reform; Robert Braziel, Texas Automobile Dealers Association; Royce Poinsett, Texas Motorcycle Dealers Association; Mark Borskey, Texas Recreational Vehicle Association; Michael Nowels, Texas State Inspection Association; Noel Johnson, Texas Municipal Police Association; Lori McMahon, Toyota Motor North America; Laura Matz, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.; Chris Frandsen; Darwin Hamilton)

Against — None

On — Pablo Luna, Texas Department of Public Safety

DIGEST: SB 711 would authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to adopt rules providing for vehicle inspection reports to include notifications on whether vehicles were subject to a safety recalls for which the vehicles had not been repaired or the repairs were incomplete.

The bill also would authorize the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to adopt rules providing for such notification to be included in an inspection report for a vehicle inspected in a county that participated in a vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program.

DPS and TCEQ would be required to implement a provision of the bill only if the Legislature appropriated money specifically for that purpose. If the Legislature did not appropriate money, DPS and TCEQ would be allowed but not required to implement the provision using other appropriations available for that purpose.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.