

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a company that pays the state of Texas to register its equipment in Texas, is required to obtain a Texas annual inspection, or an annual inspection from one of 23 other states, including the District of Columbia. Commercial vehicles housed in one of the other 26 states that are operating with Texas registration are not allowed to travel in Texas without a Texas inspection. As proposed, S.B. 1064 allows an owner or lessee of commercial motor vehicles, who operates with Texas license plates on those vehicles, to be exempt from having to have out-of-state-based vehicles annually inspected in Texas or one of the other approved states, provided the vehicles are inspected pursuant to federal regulation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 548.052, Transportation Code, to add Subdivision (8) to include certain trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers to the list of vehicles not subject to inspection.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 548.201, Transportation Code, to include in the description of a registered motor vehicle that it be primarily housed, operated, and maintained in this state in relation to the commercial motor vehicle inspection program. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 548.203, Transportation Code, to require the Public Safety Commission to exempt a commercial motor vehicle from the application of this subchapter if the vehicle meets certain criteria. Creates Subsection (b) from existing text.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.