

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires vehicles to pass a routine inspection, which includes evaluating the emissions and exhaust systems. This requirement, however, is unnecessary for fully electric vehicles without internal combustion engines. Accordingly, H.B. 3014 would exempt electric vehicles that solely use electricity as their power source from inspection requirements related to emissions and exhaust systems.

H.B. 3014 amends current law relating to the motor vehicle safety inspection of electric vehicles.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas in SECTION 2 of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 548.051, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (c) to provide that a motor vehicle that uses electricity as its only source of motor power and that is not equipped with an internal combustion engine is exempt from the inspection requirements relating to the emissions and exhaust systems provided in Subsections (a)(12) (relating to requiring that a motor vehicle have certain items inspected, including an exhaust system) through (15) (relating to requiring that a motor vehicle have certain items inspected, including emissions control equipment).

SECTION 2. Requires the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS), as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to adopt or amend DPS rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2023.