

CHAPTER 895

S.B. No. 926

AN ACT

relating to the inspection of certain motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 141, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c) of Section 140 of this Act and Subsection (c) of this section, a passenger car or light truck that is sold in this state, has not been previously registered in this or another state, and on the date of sale is of the current or the immediately preceding model year is subject to an initial inspection that expires at the end of two years. The fee for compulsory inspection under this subsection is Nineteen Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$19.75). The Department shall require each official inspection station to make an advance payment of Fourteen Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$14.75) for a certificate to be issued under this subsection. The Department shall remit to the comptroller Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$3.75) of each fee for deposit to the credit of the undedicated portion of the General Revenue Fund, Four Dollars (\$4.00) of each fee for deposit to the credit of an account in the General Revenue Fund to be used only for the air

quality program of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and the remainder of each fee for deposit to the credit of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Fund. No further payment may be required of a station for a certificate under this subsection. Refunds for unissued certificates shall be made in the same manner as provided for other certificate refunds. This subsection does not preclude motor vehicle emission inspections from being conducted during an initial certification period under this subsection in counties covered by a federal Environmental Protection Agency-approved inspection and maintenance program pursuant to Subsection (d) of Section 142 of this Act and the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.). An inspection station may waive the fee otherwise due from the owner of a vehicle inspected under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 27, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.