

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Section 548.605, Transportation Code, does not clarify the meaning of the term “working day.” In addition, current law authorizes a court to dismiss a charge pertaining to driving with an expired license, provided that the driver has met certain conditions and authorizes the court to assess an administrative fee not to exceed \$10 when the charge of driving with an expired inspection certificate has been remedied. C.S.H.B. 707 would define “working day” and requires a court to dismiss a charge of driving with an expired inspection certificate provided that the defendant obtains a new inspection certificate within 10 working days and the inspection certificate has not been expired for more than 60 days. This bill also would require a court to assess an administrative fee not to exceed \$10 when the charge of driving with an expired inspection certificate has been remedied. It would authorize the court to dismiss a charge of driving with an expired inspection certificate that has been expired for more than 60 days.

### **PURPOSE**

H.B. 707 would amend regulations regarding dismissal of an inspection certificate violation.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 548.605, Transportation Code, as follows:

Sec. 548.605. DISMISSAL OF CHARGE; ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. Defines “working day” as any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, or a holiday on which county offices are closed. Requires, rather than authorizes, a court to dismiss a charge of driving with an expired inspection certificate if the inspection certificate has not been expired for more than 60 days. Authorizes the court to dismiss a charge of driving with an expired inspection certificate that has been expired for more than 60 days, notwithstanding Subsection (b). Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.