

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1093
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

A Texas-registered commercial motor vehicle, not including buses, must be inspected in Texas, the District of Columbia, or one of the 19 states recognized under Department of Public Safety rule 4.37. Most of the 19 states listed in rule 4.37 are located in the northeast portion of the United States.

Because of the mobile nature of the trucking industry, many Texas-registered trucks and trailers are not domiciled in our state, which forces those vehicles to travel long distances back to Texas to obtain a valid annual inspection.

S.B. 1093 allows trucks registered under the International Registration Plan and token trailers registered in Texas but domiciled out of state to be exempt from state compulsory annual inspection only if these vehicles are issued a certificate of inspection in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration annual inspection program. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 1093 amends current law relating to the inspection of certain commercial motor vehicles that are not domiciled in this state.

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 provide that this chapter (Compulsory Inspection of Vehicles) does not apply to certain vehicles, including a vehicle that is not domiciled in this state; is registered under the International Registration Plan as authorized by Section 502.091 (International Registration Plan) or as a token trailer under Section 502.255 (Truck-Tractor or Commercial Motor Vehicle Combination Fee; Semitrailer Token Fee), including for an extended period under Section 502.0023 (Extended Registration of Commercial Fleet Vehicles); and has been issued a certificate of inspection in compliance with federal motor carrier safety regulations.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.