

1-1 By: Raymond, Krusee (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3554
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2003;
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 23, 2003, reported
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 2; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3554 By: Zaffirini

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to motor vehicle inspection facilities near the border of
1-11 this state and Mexico.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 201.613, Transportation Code, is amended
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 201.613. ONE-STOP BORDER INSPECTION FACILITIES
1-16 ~~[STATIONS]~~. (a) The department shall erect and maintain border
1-17 ~~[choose a location for an]~~ inspection facilities ~~[station]~~ along a
1-18 major highway at or near a border crossing from Mexico in the Pharr
1-19 ~~[Brownsville]~~, ~~[in]~~ Laredo, and ~~[in]~~ El Paso districts for the
1-20 inspection of motor vehicles for compliance with federal and state
1-21 commercial motor vehicle regulations. To the extent possible, the
1-22 department shall colocate agencies and utilize intelligent
1-23 transportation systems in order to expedite the movement of people
1-24 and vehicles ~~[so that all federal, state, and municipal agencies~~
1-25 ~~that regulate the passage of persons or vehicles across the border~~
1-26 ~~at that border crossing may be located in one place].~~

1-27 (b) If a facility that serves a bridge system that had more
1-28 than 900,000 commercial border crossings during the state fiscal
1-29 year ending August 31, 2002, is to be located in a municipality or a
1-30 municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction, the municipality may
1-31 choose the location of the facility within the municipality or the
1-32 municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The municipality
1-33 shall choose a location not later than the 180th day after the date
1-34 the department makes a request for a location. [The department
1-35 ~~shall establish and maintain an inspection station at the locations~~
1-36 ~~chosen in Subsection (a) only if the federal agencies involved in~~
1-37 ~~the regulation of the passage of persons or vehicles at that border~~
1-38 ~~crossing agree to the design of the facility at each location and~~
1-39 ~~agree to use the facility at each location if built.]~~

1-40 ~~[(c) The department may enter into agreements with federal,~~
1-41 ~~state, and municipal agencies to accomplish the purpose of this~~
1-42 ~~section. An agreement may involve the lease of office space at the~~
1-43 ~~inspection station by the department to the agency.]~~

1-44 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Transportation shall
1-45 spend the money appropriated during the 76th Legislature for
1-46 Section 201.613, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 1527,
1-47 Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, or money
1-48 received from the federal government to establish the border
1-49 inspection facilities under Section 201.613, Transportation Code,
1-50 as amended by this Act.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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