

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 2243
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2025; March 25, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
1-4 April 2, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; April 2, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	West	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Hagenbuch	X		
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	King		X	
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Perry	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
1-20 to require that a vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer have a vehicle
1-21 identification number inspection.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 501.032, Transportation Code, is amended
1-24 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
1-25 follows:

1-26 (a) ~~A [In addition to any requirement established by~~
1-27 ~~department rule, a]~~ motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer must
1-28 have an identification number inspection under Section 501.0321 if:

1-29 (1) the department does not have a motor vehicle
1-30 record for the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer in the
1-31 department's registration and title system, and the owner of the
1-32 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is filing a bond with the
1-33 department under Section 501.053;

1-34 (2) the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer was
1-35 last titled or registered outside of the United States and imported
1-36 into the United States; or

1-37 (3) the owner or person claiming ownership requires an
1-38 assigned or reassigned identification number under Section
1-39 501.033.

1-40 (a-1) The department by rule may establish additional
1-41 categories of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers not
1-42 specified in Subsection (a) that are required to have vehicle
1-43 identification number inspections under Section 501.0321.

1-44 SECTION 2. Section 501.0321(a), Transportation Code, is
1-45 amended to read as follows:

1-46 (a) An inspection required under Section 501.032 or a rule
1-47 adopted under that section must verify, as applicable, the identity
1-48 of:

1-49 (1) a motor vehicle;

1-50 (2) a trailer or semitrailer;

1-51 (3) a frame, body, or motor of a motor vehicle; or

1-52 (4) an item of equipment not required to be titled but
1-53 that may be registered under Chapter 502 or issued licensed plates
1-54 under Chapter 504.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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