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NEWS RELEASE

Reminder: Texas vehicle inspection changes coming soon

New law eliminates most vehicle safety inspections

(AUSTIN, Texas – December 17, 2024) Beginning January 1, 2025, Texas vehicle owners will no longer need to obtain a safety inspection prior to vehicle registration. House Bill 3297, passed during the 88th Legislature in 2023, eliminates the safety inspection program for non-commercial vehicles.

The new law maintains the annual \$7.50 safety inspection fee collected at the time of vehicle registration. Texans will see this fee labeled as the Inspection Program Replacement Fee on their registration renewal notice. Owners registering a new vehicle will pay a \$16.75 Inspection Program Replacement Fee to cover the first two years of registration.

State law will still require obtaining a passing vehicle emissions inspection in the following 17 counties prior to vehicle registration:

- Brazoria County
- Collin County
- Dallas County
- Denton County
- El Paso County
- Ellis County
- Fort Bend County
- Galveston County
- Harris County
- Johnson County
- Kaufman County
- Montgomery County
- Parker County
- Rockwall County
- Tarrant County
- Travis County
- Williamson County

Informational Links

- [Vehicle Registration](#) (Texas Department of Motor Vehicles)
- [Vehicle Safety Inspection](#) (Texas Department of Public Safety)
- [Vehicle Emissions Inspection](#) (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)
- [House Bill 3297](#) (88th Legislature)

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