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Texas vehicle inspection changes coming soon *New law eliminates most vehicle safety inspections*

(AUSTIN, Texas – September 9, 2024) Beginning January 1, 2025, Texas vehicle owners will no longer be required to obtain a safety inspection prior to vehicle registration. House Bill 3297, passed during the 88th Legislature in 2023, abolishes the vehicle safety inspection program for non-commercial vehicles.

The new law maintains the annual \$7.50 safety inspection fee under a new name: Inspection Program Replacement Fee. The state will collect the fee at the time of vehicle registration. Owners registering a new vehicle will pay a \$16.75 Inspection Program Replacement Fee to cover the first two years.

State law will still require vehicle emissions inspections in the following 17 counties prior to vehicle registration:

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