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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING VEHICLE  
3 REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT  
4 LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-66(k) is repealed.

7 SECTION 2. G.S. 20-183.4(b)(4) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) Station Qualifications. – An applicant for a license as a safety inspection  
9 station must meet all of the following requirements:

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11 (4) Have equipment and software approved by the Division to transfer  
12 information on safety inspections to the Division by electronic means.  
13 During the initial implementation of the electronic inspection process,  
14 the vendor selected by the Division shall provide the equipment and  
15 software at no cost to a station that holds a license on October 1,  
16 2008."

17 SECTION 3. G.S. 20-183.4C reads as rewritten:

18 "§ 20-183.4C. When a vehicle must be inspected; ~~one-way~~ three-day trip permit.

19 (a) Inspection. – A vehicle that is subject to a safety inspection, an emissions  
20 inspection, or both must be inspected as follows:

21 (1) A new vehicle must be inspected before it is sold at retail in this State.  
22 Upon purchase, a receipt approved by the Division must be provided  
23 to the new owner certifying compliance.

24 (1a) A new motor vehicle dealer who is also licensed pursuant to this  
25 Article may, notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this section, examine  
26 the safety and emissions control devices on a new motor vehicle and

1 perform such services necessary to ensure the motor vehicle conforms  
2 to the required specifications established by the manufacturer and  
3 contained in its predelivery check list. The completion of the  
4 predelivery inspection procedure required or recommended by the  
5 manufacturer on a new motor vehicle shall constitute the inspection  
6 required by subdivision (1) of this section. For the purposes of this  
7 subdivision, the date of inspection shall be deemed to be the date of  
8 the sale of the motor vehicle to a purchaser.

9 (2) A used vehicle must be inspected before it is offered for sale at retail  
10 in this State by a dealer. Upon purchase, a receipt approved by the  
11 Division must be provided to the new owner certifying compliance.

12 (3) Repealed by Session Law 2007-503, s. 5, effective October 1, 2008.

13 (4) A new or used vehicle acquired by a resident of this State from outside  
14 the State must be inspected ~~within 10 days after~~ before the vehicle is  
15 registered with the Division.

16 (5) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State who transfers the  
17 registration of the vehicle from the resident's former home state to this  
18 State must be inspected ~~within 10 days after~~ before the vehicle is  
19 registered with the Division.

20 (5a) Repealed by Session Law 2007-503, s. 5, effective October 1, 2008.

21 (6) A vehicle that has been inspected in accordance with this Part must be  
22 inspected by the last day of the month in which the registration on the  
23 vehicle expires.

24 (7) A vehicle that is required to be inspected in accordance with this Part  
25 may be inspected 90 days prior to midnight of the last day of the  
26 month as designated by the vehicle registration sticker.

27 (8) A new or used vehicle acquired from a retailer in this State and  
28 registered with the Division with a new registration or a transferred  
29 registration must be inspected in accordance with this Part when the  
30 current registration expires.

31 (9) A used vehicle acquired from a private sale in this State must be  
32 inspected in accordance with this Part ~~within 30 days after~~ before  
33 the vehicle is registered with the Division ~~or when the current registration~~  
34 ~~expires if it has not received~~ unless it has received a passing inspection  
35 within the previous 12 months.

36 (10) An unregistered vehicle must be inspected ~~within 30 days after~~ before  
37 the vehicle is registered with the Division ~~or not later than 30 days~~  
38 ~~after a transferred registration expires.~~ unless it has received a passing  
39 inspection within the previous 12 months.

40 (11) A person who owns a vehicle located outside of this State when its  
41 emissions inspection becomes due may obtain an emissions inspection  
42 in the jurisdiction where the vehicle is located, in lieu of a North  
43 Carolina emissions inspection, as long as the inspection meets the  
44 requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 51.

1 (b) Permit. – The Division may issue a ~~one-way~~ three-day trip permit to a person  
2 that authorizes the person to drive ~~to an inspection station~~ a an insured vehicle whose  
3 inspection ~~sticker~~ authorization or registration has expired. The permit must describe the  
4 vehicle whose inspection ~~sticker~~ authorization or registration has expired. The permit  
5 authorizing the person to drive the described vehicle only from the place the vehicle is  
6 parked to an inspection ~~station~~ station, repair shop, or Division or contract agent  
7 registration office.

8 The Division may issue a 10-day temporary permit to a person that authorizes the  
9 person to drive a vehicle that failed to pass ~~either the safety inspection or emissions~~  
10 inspection. The permit must describe the vehicle that failed to pass inspection and the  
11 date that it failed to pass inspection."

12 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2008.