

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1018 Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY SHUMAN, GARZIA AND ZELLER, APRIL 15, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 16, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), entitled "An
2 act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor
3 Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and
4 other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of
5 vehicles and tractors," changing the inspection period for
6 motor vehicles to one year.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 834, act of April 29,
10 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended July
11 27, 1973 (No.64), is amended to read:

12 Section 834. Official Inspections.--

13 (a) Every owner of a motor vehicle (including a commercial
14 motor vehicle, motor bus, motor omnibus, truck tractor, trailer,
15 or semi-trailer, but not including a trailer or semi-trailer
16 having a chassis and body weight of less than one thousand
17 (1000) pounds, or bicycle with motor attached, or fertilizer
18 trailer), being operated in this Commonwealth, shall submit such
19 motor vehicle to such inspection of its mechanism and equipment
20 as may be designated by the secretary, including such emission

1 control systems and devices for which the Secretary of
2 Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of
3 Environmental Resources, has adopted inspection procedure and
4 requirements which shall, to the extent possible and practical,
5 be consistent with the requirements of the "Clean Air Act" (77
6 Stat. 392, 42 U.S.C. 1857) and any amendments and supplements
7 thereto. These requirements shall not apply within ninety (90)
8 days after they are adopted, shall not be changed oftener than
9 once a year and shall apply only to those motor vehicles as are
10 required by Federal law or regulation to be equipped with such
11 emission control systems and devices. The inspection of such
12 devices and systems shall commence on the first day of the
13 inspection periods (1) and (2) following the adoption of such
14 standards by the secretary: Provided, however, That the
15 secretary may provide that the inspection of such devices and
16 systems may commence on the first day of the inspection period
17 next following. Such emission control systems and devices shall
18 be inspected once a year.

19 Such motor vehicle shall be inspected [twice] once a year [on
20 a quarterly inspection cycle. Motor vehicles inspected in the
21 first quarter shall be inspected again during the third quarter;
22 motor vehicles inspected in the second quarter shall be
23 inspected again during the fourth quarter].

24 The owner of a motor vehicle shall submit it for inspection
25 [during the quarterly cycle] in accordance with regulations
26 prescribed by the secretary.

27 Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, determined by the
28 department to be exempt from registration under the provisions
29 of section 401, subsection (f) of this act, and antique motor
30 vehicles, if either operated on the public highways of this

1 Commonwealth only during the period between sunrise and sunset,
2 shall be exempt from the lighting equipment provisions of this
3 act.

4 The secretary may, with the approval of the Governor, extend
5 the time for not more than sixty (60) days for any of the
6 inspections required by this section, in any case, where weather
7 conditions of the highways or any other cause whatsoever renders
8 compliance with the provisions of this section within the
9 prescribed time difficult or impossible for a large number of
10 persons.

11 Owners of Pennsylvania registered vehicles which have been
12 outside of the Commonwealth continuously for thirty (30) days or
13 more and which at the time of reentering the Commonwealth do not
14 bear a currently valid inspection sticker shall, within forty-
15 eight (48) hours of their reentering the State, proceed to an
16 official inspection station for inspection and approval of the
17 vehicle.

18 Motor vehicles designed and used as fire trucks shall be
19 inspected once a year in accordance with regulations prescribed
20 by the secretary.

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22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.