

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the establishment and
3 administration of a limited vehicle emission inspection
4 program.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1958 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1958. Certificate of inspection.

10 The department shall charge \$2 for each annual certificate of
11 inspection [and], \$1 for each semiannual certificate of
12 inspection and \$2 for each certificate of emission inspection.

13 Section 2. Section 4702 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
14 subsection to read:

15 § 4702. Requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

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17 (e) Emission inspection.--The department shall develop and
18 administer an emission inspection program which will coincide

with the inspections pursuant to subsections (a), (b) and (c)
and will apply to all vehicles required to have an emission
inspection in the counties or other areas subject to an emission
inspection as provided by the Federal Clean Air Act (Public Law
92-157, 85 Stat. 464), as amended. The vehicle emission
inspection program shall contain a waiver provision which
exempts inspection if any vehicle of the year 1981 or earlier
requires repairs in excess of \$70 or if any vehicle of the year
1982 or later requires repairs in excess of \$100.

Section 3. Sections 4721 and 4726(a) of Title 75 are amended
to read:

§ 4721. Appointment of official inspection stations.

(a) Safety inspection stations.--For the purpose of
establishing a system of official inspection stations, the
department shall issue certificates of appointment to privately
owned facilities within this Commonwealth that comply with the
requirements of this chapter and regulations adopted by the
department. The department shall issue instructions and all
necessary forms to such facilities. Official inspection stations
are authorized to inspect vehicles and mass transit vehicles and
issue official certificates of inspection.

(b) Referee stations for emission inspections.--The
department shall establish and operate or contract for the
establishment and operation of a sufficient number, but not less
than two, of separate emission inspection stations to be known
as referee stations within the counties or other areas required
to have emission inspection programs unless modified by court
order. The referee stations shall be utilized to solve disputes
over emission inspections carried out by stations appointed
pursuant to subsection (a) and shall operate as the department,

1 by regulation, deems necessary.

2 § 4726. Certification of mechanics.

3 (a) General rule.--No mechanic shall conduct motor vehicle
4 inspections or mass transit vehicle inspections or emission
5 inspections at an official inspection station unless certified
6 as to training, qualifications and competence by the department
7 or the department's designate according to department
8 regulations. The regulations relating to mass transit vehicle
9 inspections shall require that any mechanic conducting such
10 inspections shall possess proven competence in the area of mass
11 transit vehicle operation and maintenance. The provisions of
12 this title or regulations adopted thereunder shall not be
13 construed or applied in a manner which would preclude or impair
14 the right of a person who is a resident of another state, and
15 who is in possession of a valid driver's license issued by such
16 state, to be certified to conduct motor vehicle inspections or
17 mass transit vehicle inspections at an official inspection
18 station in this Commonwealth. No official inspection station
19 appointment shall be issued or renewed unless a certified
20 official inspection mechanic is employed there.

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22 Section 4. Section 2013 of the act of April 9, 1929
23 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
24 repealed.

25 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.