

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR K. WARD, TRANSPORTATION, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JUNE 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for
3 requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4702(f) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
8 adding subsections to read:

9 § 4702. Requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

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11 (f) [Emission] Biennial inspection.--Subject vehicles
12 operated in this Commonwealth must be emission inspected as
13 provided in section 4706 (relating to prohibition on
14 expenditures for emission inspection program) [.] , and vehicle
15 emission inspection of subject vehicles, unless exempted from
16 the requirements for emission inspection under subsection (g),
17 shall be on a biennial basis. Starting January 1 for when a
18 biennial emission inspection is allowed following the approval

1 in subsection (i), vehicles manufactured in an odd-numbered year  
2 shall receive an emission inspection during an odd-numbered  
3 year, and vehicles manufactured in an even-numbered year shall  
4 receive an emission inspection during an even-numbered year. The  
5 department shall notify the official inspection stations on a  
6 periodic basis of the staggered biennial emission inspections.

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8 (h) Notification to Environmental Protection Agency. The <--  
9 Department of Environmental Protection shall notify the  
10 Environmental Protection Agency of the modifications to the  
11 vehicle emission program in subsection (f) and of the intent to  
12 seek its approval of the plan in accordance with the  
13 requirements of Federal law. The department REVISED STATE <--  
14 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.--WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
15 THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
16 SHALL INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR BIENNIAL EMISSION INSPECTION IN  
17 THE VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. THE  
18 FOLLOWING APPLY:

19 (1) THE REVISED STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SHALL BE  
20 COMPLETED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2020, AND SHALL  
21 CONVINCINGLY DEMONSTRATE THAT BIENNIAL EMISSION INSPECTION  
22 CAN MAINTAIN THE RELEVANT STANDARDS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF THE  
23 EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE VEHICLE EMISSION  
24 INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

25 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHALL  
26 COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW DURING THE PROCESS, INCLUDING  
27 ENSURING THAT THE REVISION WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH ATTAINMENT  
28 REQUIREMENTS OR REASONABLE FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD ATTAINMENT  
29 AND THAT FEDERAL FUNDING IS NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACTED AS A  
30 RESULT OF THE REVISION.

1       (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION shall notify  
2 the chair and minority chair of the Transportation Committee of  
3 the Senate, the chair and minority chair of the Transportation  
4 Committee of the House of Representatives, the chair and  
5 minority chair of the Environmental Resources and Energy  
6 Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the  
7 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of  
8 Representatives of the ~~department's~~ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL <--  
9 PROTECTION'S notification to the Environmental Protection  
10 Agency.

11       (i) Notice of approval.--Upon approval by the Environmental  
12 Protection Agency under subsection (h), the ~~secretary~~ SECRETARY <--  
13 OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION shall transmit notice of the  
14 approval to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in  
15 the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

16       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 120 days.