

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 562

PRINTER NO. 570

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund
Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 28, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Langerholc

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 562 amends Section 4706 (relating to prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program) of Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to exempt certain counties of the Commonwealth from the enhanced vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program.

This legislation requires the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, within 60 days of the effective date, to initiate the process of removing the following counties from the program:

- I. A county of the third class with a population between 215,000 and 216,000;
- II. A county of the third class with a population between 325,000 and 326,000;
- III. A county of the third class with a population between 354,000 and 355,000;
- IV. A county of the fourth class with a population between 133,000 and 134,000;
- V. A county of the fifth class with a population between 122,000 and 123,000;
- VI. A county of the fifth class with a population between 114,000 and 115,000;
and
- VII. A county of the fifth class with a population between 110,000 and 111,000.

A revised state implementation plan shall be completed and submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency no later than January 1, 2024, and shall convincingly demonstrate that the counties listed above can maintain the relevant standards without benefit of the emissions reductions attributable to the vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program. The Department of Environmental Protection shall comply with federal law during the process of the revision, including ensuring that the revision will not interfere with attainment requirements or jeopardize federal funding.

Upon approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency of the revised state implementation plan, the Secretary of Environmental Protection shall transmit notice of the approval to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will affect all vehicles located within seven counties currently participating in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program (I/M Program). The following chart illustrates the regions, counties and number of subject vehicles in each.

Region:	County:	Number of Vehicles:
Northern	Blair	93,269
Northern	Cambria	103,948
Northern	Lackawanna	142,029
Northern	Luzerne	229,480
Northern	Lycoming	90,107
Northern	Mercer	77,478
Pittsburgh	Westmoreland	268,173
	Total:	1,004,484

According to supplemental information from the Joint State Government Commission related to Senate Resolution 168 of 2017 and an October 2018 Advisory Committee Report, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) collects \$1.65 per vehicle, per emissions test as a program management fee. PennDOT utilizes a subcontractor to administer the emissions program and will collect \$1.7 million less by the elimination of the program management fee in the seven counties listed above.

Additionally, the commission reported that there are no funds appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection for I/M Program related duties. The Department of Environmental Protection fulfills its responsibilities for motor vehicle emissions inspections through PennDOT's Drive Clean PA Program. It is assumed that any programmatic changes that may be needed by the agencies would be minimal and capable of being accommodated within each agency's current workload and budget.

Finally, the commission reported that cost savings to consumers would be roughly offset by the loss of income to the inspection stations.