

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 601

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides relative to motor vehicle inspections. (9/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1306(C)(1) and (2), relative to motor vehicle inspections; to  
3 require official inspection stations to offer one year and two year certificates of  
4 inspection; to provide relative to the charge or fee; to provide for technical  
5 corrections; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:1306(C)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §1306. Operation of official inspection stations

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11 C.(1)(a) ~~An annual~~ **A** charge or fee shall be charged for each certificate of  
12 inspection and approval issued, as provided in this Subsection.

13 **(b) Persons operating an official inspection station shall offer certificates**  
14 **of inspection that are valid for both one year and two year periods. The owner**  
15 **of the vehicle shall have the option of purchasing a one year or a two year**  
16 **certificate. A charge or fee shall be charged for each year of validity of the**  
17 **certificate of inspection and approval issued, as provided in this Subsection.**

1                    **(c) The provisions of Paragraph (1)(b) of this Subsection shall not apply**  
 2                    **to the inspection programs provided for in Paragraphs (3) and (5) of this**  
 3                    **Subsection and to student transportation vehicles.**

4                    (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, ~~an annual~~ **for each year**  
 5                    **of validity of the certificate issued,** a charge or fee of ten dollars shall be charged  
 6                    ~~for each certificate of inspection and approval issued,~~ four dollars and seventy-five  
 7                    cents of which shall be retained by the operator of the motor vehicle inspection  
 8                    station conducting the inspection, four dollars of which shall be transferred to the  
 9                    office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement, and one dollar and twenty-  
 10                    five cents shall be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated  
 11                    with the motor vehicle inspection and financial responsibility programs. Included in  
 12                    the inspection shall be the adjustment of headlights when needed and mechanically  
 13                    practical, at no additional cost to the operator of the motor vehicle inspected.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on September 1, 2012.

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The original instrument was prepared by Curry Johnson. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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#### DIGEST

Buffington (SB 601)

Present law requires a charge or fee to be charged for each certificate of inspection and approval issued.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires persons operating an official inspection station to offer certificates of inspection that are valid for both one year and two year periods.

Proposed law requires that the owner of the vehicle have the option of purchasing a one year or a two year certificate.

Present law requires an annual charge or fee of \$10 to be charged for each certificate of inspection and approval issued.

Proposed law requires a charge or fee of \$10 to be charged for each year of validity of the certificate of inspection and approval issued.

Proposed law provides that the option for a 2 year inspection certificate does not apply to inspection programs for vehicles in non-attainment parishes and municipalities pursuant to

the federal Clean Air Act or regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection agency, to commercial vehicles, and to student transportation vehicles.

Effective September 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 32:1306(C)(1) and (2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Provides that the option for a 2 year inspection certificate does not apply to inspection programs for vehicles in non-attainment parishes and municipalities pursuant to the Clean Air Act or regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, to commercial vehicles, and to student transportation vehicles.
2. Changes effective date to September 1, 2012.