

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1251

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TRANSPORTATION: Authorizes inspection stations to conduct motor vehicle inspection checks when it rains

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:342(B) and to enact R.S. 32:1306(H), relative to motor  
3 vehicle inspections; to authorize motor vehicle inspections by motor vehicle  
4 inspection stations in certain weather conditions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:342(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:1306(H) is  
7 hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §342. Performance ability of brakes

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10 B. Test for deceleration and stopping distance shall be made on a  
11 substantially level (not to exceed plus or minus one per cent grade), ~~dry~~, smooth,  
12 hard surface that is free from loose material.

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14 §1306. Operation of official inspection stations

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16 H. All certified motor vehicle inspection stations may inspect vehicles, for  
17 good condition and proper adjustment, when it is raining if the conditions are safe  
18 and the vehicle can accurately be checked.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows certified motor vehicle inspection stations to conduct motor vehicle inspections when it is raining as long as conditions are safe.

Present law provides that the test for deceleration and stopping distance shall be made on a substantially level, dry, smooth, hard surface that is free from loose material.

Proposed law removes "dry" from present law.

Proposed law provides that a certified motor vehicle inspection station may inspect a vehicle for good condition and proper adjustment when it is raining, if the conditions are safe and the vehicle can accurately be checked.

(Amends 32:342(B); Adds R.S. 32:1306(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Made technical change.
2. Provided that inspection stations may inspect vehicles in the rain.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Removed the word "dry" from R.S. 32:342(B) to alleviate the conflict in the bills.
2. Changed "in the rain" to "when it is raining".