
DIGEST

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Abstract: Eliminates the requirement for certain vehicles to have an inspection sticker.

Present law requires all motor vehicles have an inspection sticker.

Proposed law eliminates the requirement that certain motor vehicles, low-speed vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers obtain an inspection certificate and specifies that only those vehicles required by proposed law are required to have an inspection certificate.

Present law authorizes certain law enforcement agencies to require the driver of a vehicle to stop and submit the vehicle to an inspection and any test that may be appropriate when the vehicle is unsafe or not equipped as required by present law.

Proposed law maintains present law and further authorizes certain law enforcement agencies to issue citations for motor vehicles that are unsafe or not equipped according to present law.

Present law requires that an officer give a written notice to the driver indicating that the vehicle must be placed in safe condition and its equipment in proper repair and adjustment in the event a vehicle is found to be in unsafe condition or any required part or equipment is not present or in proper repair and adjustment. Present law further requires that a certificate of inspection and approval be obtained within 5 days.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law requires that every motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer registered in the state be inspected and receive an official certificate of inspection.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that only commercial vehicles and student transportation vehicles be inspected and receive an official certification of inspection.

Present law requires that overweight and oversize mobile homes requiring a state permit when being moved by a bonded carrier and used motor vehicles in transit by a dealer obtain a certificate of inspection and approval.

Proposed law modifies present law by exempting those vehicles from obtaining a certificate of inspection and approval.

Proposed law requires those vehicles that are registered in parishes or municipalities governed by the U.S. Clean Air Act or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to obtain an emissions inspection as required by present law.

Present law requires that the inspection be made and certificates be obtained with respect to mechanism, brakes, and equipment of every vehicle as designated by the secretary.

Proposed law maintains present law but specifies that the requirement only applies to those vehicles required to be inspected.

Present law authorizes the secretary to make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of present law and designate any periods of time during which owners of vehicles are required to display certificates of inspection and approval and produce them on demand under certain circumstances. Present law further requires that an owner or operator of a light trailer, utility trailer, boat trailer, or farm trailer only provide a valid inspection sticker on demand of an inspecting officer to be in compliance with the inspection requirements of present law.

Proposed law maintains present law but removes the exception for owners or operators of a light trailer, utility trailer, boat trailer, or farm trailer and requires those vehicles to display certificates of inspection and approval and produce them on demand under certain circumstances.

Present law requires that persons operating an official inspection station offer certificates of inspection that are valid for both one year and two year periods, at the owner's option, and requires that a fee be charged for each year of validity of the certificate of inspection and approval issued.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law imposes a fee of \$10 for each year of validity of the certificate issued with \$4.75 being retained by the operator of the motor vehicle inspection station conducting the inspection, \$4 being transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement, and \$1.25 being transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated with the motor vehicle inspection and financial responsibility programs.

Present law specifies that the inspection includes the adjustment of headlights when needed and mechanically practical at no additional cost to the operator of the motor vehicle inspected.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law requires that an assembler obtain a motor vehicle inspection sticker or statement from a licensed La. motor vehicle inspection station indicating that the vehicle meets all safety requirements.

Proposed law eliminates the inspection sticker and safety statement requirement for assembled vehicles.

Present law prohibits any person driving a vehicle from refusing to submit the vehicle to an

inspection and test when required to do so by the director or an authorized officer or employee of the department.

Present law requires that every owner or driver, upon receiving notice that a vehicle is in unsafe condition or any required part or equipment is not present or is not in proper repair and adjustment, comply with the notice and secure an official certificate of inspection and approval within five days.

Present law prohibits any person from operating any vehicle after receiving a notice with reference to an unsafe vehicle, except as may be necessary to return the vehicle to the residence or place of business of the owner or driver, if the destination is within 20 miles, or a garage.

Present law authorizes the owner of a vehicle that requires repair or adjustment to have the vehicle repaired at any place he may chose, but an official certificate of inspection and approval must be obtained prior to operating the vehicle on the highways of this state.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 32:1301, 1302, 1304(A)(1), (2), and (3) and (B), 1306(C), and 1306.1(A); Repeals R.S. 32:707.5(D)(3) and 1303)