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HOUSE BILL 376

Short Title: Motor Vehicle Inspections.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Robinson.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS AND
3 INSPECTION FEES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-183.3(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) Before an approval certificate may be issued for a motor vehicle, the vehicle
7 must be inspected by a safety equipment inspection station, and if required by Chapter
8 20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, must be found to possess in safe operating
9 condition the following articles and equipment:

- 10 (1) Brakes,
11 (2) Lights,
12 (3) Horn,
13 (4) Steering mechanism,
14 (5) Windshield wiper,
15 (6) Directional signals,
16 (7) Tires,
17 (8) Rearview mirror or ~~mirrors~~-mirrors,
18 (9) Exhaust system.

19 Provided, motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers subject to Federal Motor Carrier
20 Safety Regulations as contained in 49 C.F.R. Parts 390-397 must be inspected by a
21 licensed safety equipment inspection station in accordance with the standards referenced
22 in 49 C.F.R. Part 396.17.

23 No inspection certificate shall be issued by a safety equipment inspection station for
24 a motor vehicle manufactured after model year 1967 unless the vehicle is equipped with

1 such emission control devices to reduce air pollution as were installed at the time of
2 manufacture which are readily visible, provided the foregoing requirements shall not
3 apply where such devices have been removed for the purpose of converting the motor
4 vehicle to operate on natural or liquified petroleum gas. Other modifications of
5 emission control devices shall be approved by the Environmental Management
6 Commission before an inspection certification is issued.

7 ~~In addition to the items listed above, safety inspection equipment stations shall~~
8 ~~inspect the exhaust systems of all vehicles inspected and report the condition of each~~
9 ~~exhaust system to the owners or to the persons offering the vehicles for inspection.~~

10 The inspection requirements herein provided for shall not exceed the standards
11 provided in the current General Statutes for such equipment."

12 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-183.7(a) reads as rewritten:

13 "(a) Every safety equipment inspection station shall charge a fee of five dollars
14 and twenty-five cents (\$5.25) effective October 1, 1989; and a fee of six dollars and
15 twenty-five cents (\$6.25) effective October 1, 1990 for inspecting a motor vehicle to
16 determine compliance with the safety inspection requirements of this Article and shall
17 give the vehicle operator a dated receipt, indicating the articles and equipment approved
18 and disapproved. At any time within ~~90~~30 days thereafter, when the receipt is presented
19 to the inspection station which issued it with a request for reinspection, that inspection
20 station shall reinspect the vehicle at no charge. Whenever any vehicle is approved, the
21 inspection station shall obtain an additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for a valid
22 inspection certificate, and affix the certificate to that vehicle or otherwise document the
23 issuance of the certificate in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor
24 Vehicles."

25 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-183.7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 "(a2) For inspection of motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers subject to Federal
27 Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as contained in 49 C.F.R. Parts 390-398 and inspected
28 in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 396.17, every safety equipment inspection station
29 licensed to inspect these vehicles, as provided in G.S. 183.4, shall charge a reasonable
30 fee.

31 After performing the inspection, required by this subsection, the safety inspection
32 station shall give the vehicle operator a dated receipt indicating the article and
33 equipment approved or disapproved and whether the vehicle has met the standards of 49
34 C.F.R. 396.17. At any time within 30 days after a vehicle has been disapproved, when
35 the receipt is presented to the inspection station that issued it along with a request for
36 reinspection, that station shall reinspect the vehicle at no charge. Whenever any vehicle
37 is approved, the inspection station shall obtain an additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for
38 a valid inspection certificate and affix the certificate to that vehicle or otherwise
39 document the issuance of the certificate in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
40 Motor Vehicles."

41 Sec. 4. G.S. 20-183.7(c) reads as rewritten:

42 "(c) Fees collected for inspection certificates are payable to the Division of Motor
43 Vehicles. The amount of each fee listed in the table below shall be credited to the
44 Highway Fund, the Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund established in G.S. 58-87-5, the

1 Rescue Squad Workers' Relief Fund established in G.S. 58-88-5, and the Division of
 2 Environmental Management of the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural
 3 Resources:

4 Fund or Agency	Fee Imposed	Fee Imposed
5 Under (a) Under (a1)		
6 <u>and (a2)</u>		
7 Highway Fund	.75	1.80
8 Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund	.18	.18
9 Rescue Squad Workers' Relief		
10 Fund .07.07		
11 Division of Environmental		
12 Management	.00	.35."

13 Sec. 5. This act becomes effective January 1, 1992.