

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 654
HOUSE BILL 402

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO CORRECT ITS RECORDS USING FORWARDING ADDRESSES FURNISHED BY THE POSTAL SERVICE AND TO REQUIRE MOTOR VEHICLE EXHAUST SYSTEMS TO BE INSPECTED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-39 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(i) Notwithstanding the requirements of G.S. 20-7.1 and G.S. 20-67(a), the Commissioner may correct the address records of drivers license and registration plate holders as shown in the files of the Division to that shown on notices and renewal cards returned to the Division with new addresses provided by the United States Postal Service."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-183.3(a) reads as rewritten:

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

- (1) Brakes,
- (2) Lights,
- (3) Horn,
- (4) Steering mechanism,
- (5) Windshield wiper,
- (6) Directional signals,
- (7) Tires,
- (8) Rearview mirror or ~~mirrors~~ mirrors,
- (9) Exhaust system.

No inspection certificate shall be issued by a safety equipment inspection station for a motor vehicle manufactured after model year 1967 unless the vehicle is equipped with such emission control devices to reduce air pollution as were installed at the time of manufacture which are readily visible, provided the foregoing requirements shall not apply where such devices have been removed for the purpose of converting the motor vehicle to operate on natural or liquified petroleum gas. Other modifications of emission control devices shall be approved by the Environmental Management Commission before an inspection certification is issued.

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

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

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12th day of July, 1991.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives