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SENATE BILL 983

Short Title: Inspect Seat Belts.

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Sponsors: Senator Plexico.

Referred to: Transportation

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SEAT BELTS WILL BE INSPECTED AS PART OF
THE ANNUAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(a) Safety. – A safety inspection of a motor vehicle consists of an inspection of the following equipment to determine if the vehicle has the equipment required by Part 9 of Article 3 of this Chapter and if the equipment is in a safe operating condition:

- (1) Brakes, as required by G.S. 20-124.
- (2) Lights, as required by G.S. 20-129 or G.S. 20-129.1.
- (3) Horn, as required by G.S. 20-125(a).
- (4) Steering mechanism, as required by G.S. 20-123.1.
- (5) Windows and windshield wipers, as required by G.S. 20-127.
- (6) Directional signals, as required by G.S. 20-125.1.
- (7) Tires, as required by G.S. 20-122.1.
- (8) Mirrors, as required by G.S. 20-126.
- (9) Exhaust system, as required by G.S. 20-128. For a vehicle that is subject to an emissions inspection in addition to a safety inspection, a visual inspection of the vehicle's emission-control devices is

1 included in the emissions inspection rather than the safety
2 inspection.

3 (10) Seat belts, as required by G.S. 20-135.1 and G.S. 20-135.2. The
4 person offering the vehicle for inspection shall display all seat belts
5 in the vehicle, both front and back, for inspection. The inspector
6 shall visually check the front and rear seat belts for excessive wear,
7 cuts, fraying, and loose parts. The inspector shall operate the front
8 seat belts and buckles or other securing devices."

9 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1995.