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HOUSE BILL 1646

Short Title: Tinted Window Inspections.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Allred.

Referred to: Finance.

May 11, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY INSPECTION FEES AND PROCEDURES FOR
3 AFTER-FACTORY ADDED WINDOW TINTING DURING SAFETY AND
4 EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-183.7(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) Fee Amount. – When a fee applies to an inspection of a vehicle or the
8 issuance of an inspection sticker, the fee must be collected. The following fees apply to
9 an inspection of a vehicle and the issuance of an inspection sticker:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Sticker</u>
Safety Only	\$ 8.25	\$0.85
Emissions and Safety	23.50	6.50.

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15 The fee for performing an inspection of a vehicle applies when an inspection is
16 performed, regardless of whether the vehicle passes the inspection. The fee for an
17 inspection sticker applies when an inspection sticker is put on a vehicle. The fee for
18 inspecting after-factory tinted windows shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), and the fee applies
19 only to an inspection performed with a light meter after a safety inspection mechanic
20 determined that the window had after-factory tint. A safety inspection mechanic shall
21 not inspect an after-factory tinted window of a vehicle for which the Division has issued
22 a medical exception permit pursuant to G.S. 20-127(f). A safety inspection mechanic
23 shall not inspect an after-factory tinted window of a vehicle that has been inspected
24 pursuant to G.S. 20-183.3 and found to be in compliance with the window tinting
25 provisions of G.S. 20-127. No subsequent inspection shall be required so long as the
26 same individual owns the vehicle. Any change in ownership shall require an inspection
27 under G.S. 20-183.3, prior to the current inspection sticker expiring, and the payment of
28 the fee for an after-factory window tint inspection required by this section.

1 A vehicle that is inspected at an inspection station and fails the inspection is entitled
2 to be reinspected at the same station at any time within 30 days of the failed inspection
3 without paying another inspection fee.

4 The inspection fee for an emissions and safety inspection set out in this subsection is
5 the maximum amount that an inspection station or an inspection mechanic may charge
6 for an emissions and safety inspection of a vehicle. An inspection station or an
7 inspection mechanic may charge the maximum amount or any lesser amount for an
8 emissions and safety inspection of a vehicle. The inspection fee for a safety only
9 inspection set out in this subsection may not be increased or decreased. The sticker fees
10 set out in this subsection may not be increased or decreased."

11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2005.