



## Senate

General Assembly

February Session, 2000

**File No. 262**

Senate Bill No. 543

*Senate, March 28, 2000*

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO of the 9<sup>th</sup> Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### ***An Act Concerning Safety Inspections For Fire Department Apparatus.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall establish an  
2 annual safety inspection program for fire department apparatus.

3 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in  
4 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the  
5 provisions of this section.

**TRA Committee Vote:** Yea 24 Nay 0 JF

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Costs, (Transportation Fund)

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Motor Vehicles

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish an annual safety inspection program for fire department apparatus. The DMV would require the following resources to implement the program:

| Item/Description   | Annual/Per Unit Cost | Total Annual Costs |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| 3 DMV Inspector Positions  | \$34,910             | \$104,730          |
| 3 Full Size Passenger Vehicles (Leased from DAS)                               | 4,380                | 13,140             |
| <b>Total Annual Costs</b>  |                      | <b>\$117,870</b>   |
| <b>One-Time Expenditures</b>   |                      |                    |
| Miscellaneous Equipment (Creepers, Micrometers, Measurement Devices, Software) | 390                  | 2,790              |
| Vehicle Equipment & Installation   | 2,000                | 6,000              |
| 3 Laptop Computers (plus printer, work station, security)                      | 3,600                | 10,800             |
| Mounting (all 3)   |                      | 2,000              |
| 1 Desktop PC   | 2,500                | 2,500              |
| <b>Total One-Time Expenditures</b>   |                      | <b>\$ 24,090</b>   |
| <b>Total First Year Program Costs</b>  |                      | <b>\$141,960</b>   |

Please note that above costs do not include fringe benefits for the 3 DMV Inspectors. At a 35.55% benefit rate, fringe benefits for the 3 inspectors could total \$37,232.

There are approximately 3,000 fire department apparatus in the state which would be subject to safety inspections. The DMV intends to conduct level 1 (the most comprehensive, which takes at least 1 hour) safety inspection recommended for motor carriers. The DMV plans to assign the inspectors to the western, central and eastern regions in the state.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

SB 543

***AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY INSPECTIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish an annual safety inspection program for fire department apparatus. The motor vehicles commissioner must adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 24 Nay 0