



***An Act Concerning The Recommendations Of The Program  
Review And Investigations Committee Concerning The State's  
Emission Inspection Program.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
4 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section. Such  
5 regulations shall include provision for a periodic emissions inspection  
6 and compliance or waiver with exhaust emission standards, air  
7 pollution control system integrity standards and purge system  
8 standards defined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection  
9 for all motor vehicles registered or which will be registered in this state  
10 except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand  
11 pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors  
12 attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary  
13 registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more years ago;  
14 (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles  
15 registered but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm  
16 vehicles, as defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) antique, rare  
17 or special interest motor vehicles, as defined in section 14-1, as  
18 amended; (11) diesel-powered type II school buses; (12) a vehicle  
19 operated by a licensed dealer or repairer either to or from a location of

20 the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for the purpose of obtaining an  
21 official emissions or safety inspection. The commissioner may require  
22 emissions inspection and compliance or waiver prior to completion of  
23 the sale and registration of a motor vehicle over one year old. On and  
24 after July 1, 2002, any agreement between the department and an  
25 independent contractor, entered into pursuant to subsection (e) of this  
26 section, shall include a waiver of a centralized, site-based physical  
27 emission inspection for a vehicle manufactured four or less years ago.  
28 If the Commissioner of Environmental Protection finds that it is  
29 necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under  
30 subdivision (1) of this subsection in order to achieve compliance with  
31 federal law concerning emission reduction requirements, the  
32 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance  
33 with the provisions of chapter 54, to require the inspection of  
34 motorcycles or designated motor vehicles having a gross weight of  
35 more than ten thousand pounds.

36 Sec. 2. On or before January 1, 2001, the Department of  
37 Environmental Protection and the Department of Motor Vehicles shall  
38 submit reports to the appropriate committees of cognizance and to the  
39 Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee reflecting  
40 the respective departments' plans and recommendations for achieving  
41 the policy change reflected in section 1 of this act, including, but not  
42 limited to, such factors as decentralized dealer-based inspections,  
43 alternative technology, fees, physical facilities, vendor contracts and  
44 compliance with federal laws.

**PRI Committee Vote:** Yea 12 Nay 0 JFS