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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THE REPAIR AND FREE REINSPECTION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FOLLOWING THE FAILURE OF SUCH VEHICLE TO COMPLY WITH EMISSIONS STANDARDS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the 2010 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4 (k) (1) The commissioner, with approval of the Secretary of the  
5 Office of Policy and Management, shall establish, and from time to  
6 time modify, the inspection fees, not to exceed twenty dollars for each  
7 biennial inspection or reinspection required pursuant to this chapter  
8 for inspections performed at official emissions inspection stations.  
9 Such fees shall be paid in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. If  
10 the costs to the state of the emissions inspection program, including  
11 administrative costs and payments to any independent contractor,  
12 exceed the income from such fees, such excess costs shall be borne by  
13 the state. Any person whose vehicle has been inspected at an official  
14 emissions inspection station shall, if such vehicle is found not to  
15 comply with any required standards, have the vehicle repaired and

16 have the right within sixty consecutive calendar days to return such  
17 vehicle to the same official emissions inspection station for one  
18 reinspection without charge, provided, where the sixtieth day falls on  
19 a Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has  
20 established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have  
21 caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such person may  
22 return such vehicle for reinspection on the next day. The commissioner  
23 shall grant an extension of such sixty-day period, not to exceed an  
24 additional one hundred twenty days, for any such person to have such  
25 vehicle repaired and have the right to return such vehicle to the same  
26 official emissions inspection station for one reinspection without  
27 charge, in the case of economic hardship of the owner, provided,  
28 where the final day of any such extension falls on a Sunday, legal  
29 holiday or a day on which the commissioner has established that  
30 special circumstances or conditions exist that have caused emissions  
31 inspection to be impracticable, such person may return such vehicle for  
32 such reinspection on the next day. The commissioner shall assess a late  
33 fee of twenty dollars for the emissions inspection of a motor vehicle  
34 performed at an official emissions inspection station later than thirty  
35 days after the expiration date of the assigned inspection period  
36 provided the commissioner may waive such late fee when it is proven  
37 to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to have the vehicle  
38 inspected within thirty days of the assigned inspection period was due  
39 to exigent circumstances. If ownership of the motor vehicle has been  
40 transferred subsequent to the expiration date of the assigned  
41 inspection period and the new owner has such motor vehicle inspected  
42 within thirty days of the registration of such motor vehicle, the  
43 commissioner shall waive the late fee. If the thirtieth day falls on a  
44 Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which the commissioner has  
45 established that special circumstances or conditions exist that have  
46 caused emissions inspection to be impracticable, such vehicle may be  
47 inspected on the next day and no late fee shall be assessed.

48 (2) If the commissioner authorizes a licensed dealer or repairer to  
49 conduct emissions inspections of 1996 model year and newer vehicles

50 required by this chapter, the commissioner may authorize such  
51 licensee to charge a fee, not to exceed twenty dollars for each biennial  
52 inspection or reinspection.

53 (3) Upon the registration of each new motor vehicle subject to the  
54 inspection requirements of this chapter, or of each motor vehicle that is  
55 four or less model years of age that has not been registered previously  
56 in this state, the commissioner may issue a sticker indicating the  
57 exempt status of such motor vehicle and the date on which the motor  
58 vehicle is scheduled to be presented for inspection. Any such sticker  
59 that may be issued shall be displayed on the motor vehicle in  
60 accordance with subsection (d) of this section. On and after July 1,  
61 2002, the commissioner shall charge a fee of forty dollars in addition to  
62 any other fees required for such registration. All receipts from the  
63 payment of such fee shall be deposited in the Special Transportation  
64 Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	14-164c(k)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide additional time for the repair and free reinspection of a motor vehicle following the failure of such vehicle to comply with emissions standards, in the case of economic hardship of the owner.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*