



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6448

House of Representatives, April 6, 2011

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. GUERRERA of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN NEW SCHOOL BUSES FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL INSPECTION FOLLOWING THE REGISTRATION OF SUCH BUSES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-275 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *July 1, 2011*):

4 (a) The term "school bus" means any motor bus painted,
5 constructed, equipped and registered as hereinafter provided, which is
6 regularly used for transporting school children to and from school or
7 school activities whether or not for compensation or under contract to
8 provide such service. No vehicle shall be registered as a school bus
9 unless it complies with all requirements of sections 14-275 to 14-281,
10 inclusive, as to color, markings, equipment and inspection, and each
11 such vehicle shall be inspected prior to such registration in accordance
12 with regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
13 provided any new school bus that is registered between August first

14 and the start of the next succeeding school year and is inspected prior
 15 to such registration, in accordance with such regulations, shall be
 16 exempt from further inspection until September of the following year.
 17 The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may also conduct
 18 random, unannounced inspections of any registered school bus. Any
 19 school bus that transports individuals in wheelchairs shall meet the
 20 requirements of subsection (e) of section 14-100a in order to pass
 21 inspection. The provisions of said sections requiring other vehicles to
 22 stop at the signal of the operator of a registered school bus shall not
 23 apply to a signal by the operator of any vehicle not registered as a
 24 school bus and not complying with all requirements for such
 25 registration.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2011 | 14-275(a) |

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact as a result of exempting new school buses purchased and registered after August 1st of each year from their first annual inspection. The bill would impact approximately 400 to 500 new buses placed into service before the start of each school year.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6448*****AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN NEW SCHOOL BUSES FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL INSPECTION FOLLOWING THE REGISTRATION OF SUCH BUSES.*****SUMMARY:**

By law and regulation, the Department of Motor Vehicles must inspect each new school bus before it is registered and at least once in each school year. This bill exempts any new school bus (1) registered between August 1 and the school year immediately following and (2) that has already been inspected, from further inspection until September of the next year. For example, a school bus registered August 15, 2011 and inspected before that date is exempt from regular annual inspections until September, 2012.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/18/2011)