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Committee Bill No. 633

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND
MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS TESTING.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (d) (1) (A) No motor vehicle subject to the inspection requirements of
5 this section shall be operated upon the highways of this state unless such
6 vehicle has been presented for inspection in accordance with a schedule
7 for inspection and compliance as established by the commissioner. The
8 commissioner shall grant waivers from compliance with standards for
9 vehicles which fail any required inspection and require an unreasonable
10 cost of repair to bring the vehicle into compliance. The commissioner
11 may determine compliance of a vehicle that has failed an emissions
12 retest by means of a complete physical and functional diagnosis and
13 inspection of the vehicle, in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR
14 Part 51.360, showing that no additional emissions-related repairs are
15 needed. An extension of time, not to exceed the period of inspection

16 frequency, may be granted to obtain needed repairs on a vehicle in the
17 case of economic hardship of the owner. Only one such extension may
18 be granted for any vehicle.

19 [(2)] (B) On and after July 1, 2022, until July 1, 2024, inclusive, the
20 commissioner shall grant an extension of time for a vehicle which fails
21 any required inspection to obtain needed repairs, provided any motor
22 vehicle dealer or repairer licensed under the provisions of section 14-52,
23 certifies, in writing, that the part needed to fix a problem associated with
24 the vehicle's engine is delayed due to market conditions. Any waiver
25 granted pursuant to the provisions of this [subdivision] subparagraph
26 shall be valid for a period of one hundred eighty days from the date of
27 the certification provided by such dealer or repairer.

28 [(3)] (C) The commissioner may design a sticker to be affixed to the
29 windshield of each vehicle which shall bear the date of expiration of the
30 assigned inspection period on both sides. The commissioner may also
31 design a sticker to be affixed to the windshield of each vehicle that is
32 exempt from the requirements of this chapter, which sticker shall bear
33 the date, if any, on which such vehicle is no longer exempt and is
34 required to be presented for inspection. As used in this section,
35 "unreasonable cost of repair" means cost of repair in excess of the
36 amounts required to be expended by Title 40, Part 51.360 of the Code of
37 Federal Regulations, as amended.

38 (2) In the case of a vehicle registered to a member of the National
39 Guard, whenever such member is serving on active duty, such member
40 shall be exempt from the requirement to present such vehicle for
41 inspection while such member is serving on active duty, provided such
42 member shall (A) present such vehicle for inspection, as required under
43 this section, not later than ninety days after the conclusion of such active
44 duty service, and (B) provide to the inspection facility proof of such
45 active duty service at the time of such inspection. The commissioner
46 shall notify inspection facilities of the proof to be provided by such
47 members, which proof is satisfactory for purposes of eligibility for the

48 exemption described in this subdivision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	14-164c(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) exempt members of the National Guard from emissions testing requirements while serving on active duty, and (2) require such members to present their vehicles for such testing not later than ninety days after concluding such active duty service and to provide proof of such active duty service.

[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.]

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