



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: William C Smith Jr, Vice Chair, Waldstreicher and Members of Judicial Proceeding Committee

RE: SB742 Vehicle Laws – Inspection Requirements

Position: Unfavorable

My name is Kirk McCauley, my employer is WMDA/CAR, we have represented service stations, convenience stores and repair facilities across the state since 1937 as a non-profit trade group.

While WMDA/CAR is not opposed to a bi-annual inspection, this bill leaves too many unstated regulations, and costs. Vehicle inspection at title change is now by independent inspection locations, including dealerships. Equipment Repair Orders (RO) are now issued by police departments. Automotive Safety Enforcement Division (ASED) oversees all of this.

SB742 lists 10 items to be inspected, but in general terms and no specific regulation, are there enough inspection location, hard to tell unless you know the time allowed for each vehicle, is there a formular for inspection stations verses vehicles to be inspected, what is costs to the state, can a inspection station pay a certified technician enough to do inspections as required with labor cost in the \$125-\$175 per hr. range and some higher.

Consumers are a big consideration with inflation what it is, and I do not see a decent inspection taking less than 1/2 Hour. We don't want selling repairs to supplement salaries, so cost would have be significant.

WMDA/CAR would support this bill going to study with stakeholders, MVA and ASED personnel.

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