
By: Delegate Fry

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Enhanced Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of extending for a certain period the prohibition on certain tests and
4 test procedures under the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program; delaying, for the
5 same period, an increase in the maximum vehicle inspection and testing fee;
6 providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to enhanced
7 testing and the administration of the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 23-202(d) and 23-205(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 23-202.

17 (d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (c)(6) of this section or any other provision
18 of law, during the period from January 1, 1995 through May 31, [1996,] 1997, the
19 emissions control program established under this subtitle may not require for any vehicle
20 other than a State-owned vehicle or, to the extent authorized by federal law, a
21 federally-owned vehicle:

22 (i) Transient mass-emission testing using the IM 240 driving cycle
23 referenced under 40 C.F.R. Part 51;

24 (ii) An evaporative system integrity (pressure) test or an evaporative
25 system transient purge test that requires the disconnection or manipulation of any engine
26 component, including any hose or emissions equipment, that is located in the vehicle's
27 engine compartment;

28 (iii) Removal of the driver from a vehicle being tested or inspected; or

29 (iv) On-road testing.

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1 (2) Nothing in this subsection prohibits the emissions control program from
2 offering to vehicle owners, on a voluntary basis, any of the tests and inspections described
3 in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

4 23-205.

5 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Administration and the
6 Secretary shall set the fee to be charged for each vehicle to be inspected and tested by a
7 facility.

8 (2) The fee established under this subsection:

9 (i) During the period from January 1, 1995 through May 31, [1996,]
10 1997, may not exceed \$12; and

11 (ii) During the period after May 31, [1996,] 1997, may not exceed \$14.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 June 1, 1996.