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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Washington County**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~the implementation or continuation of~~ the Vehicle
4 Emissions Inspection Program from mandating certain testing requirements in
5 Washington County ~~under certain circumstances~~; providing for the effective date of
6 this Act; and generally relating to the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 23-202(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 23-202(d)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 23-202.

21 (a) (1) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the Administration and the
22 Secretary shall establish an emissions control program in the State in accordance with the
23 federal Clean Air Act.

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1 (2) The program shall remain in effect only as long as required by federal
2 law.

3 (d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (c)(6) of this section or any other provision
4 of law, IN ANY PART OF THE STATE during the period from January 1, 1995 through May
5 31, 1996, AND IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AT ANY TIME, the emissions control program
6 established under this subtitle may not require for any vehicle other than a State-owned
7 vehicle or, to the extent authorized by federal law, a federally-owned vehicle:

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

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

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

15 (iv) On-road testing.

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

19 ~~(3) WHILE THE HAGERSTOWN METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AND~~
20 ~~WASHINGTON COUNTY ARE IN ATTAINMENT OF THE NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR~~
21 ~~QUALITY STANDARDS FOR OZONE, THE EMISSIONS CONTROL PROGRAM MAY NOT~~
22 ~~BE IMPLEMENTED OR CONTINUED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.~~

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 June 1, ~~1996~~ 1997.