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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Exemption Period**  
3 **for New Vehicles**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting new vehicles from mandatory emissions inspections  
5 and tests under the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program for a certain period of  
6 time; and generally relating to exemptions from tests and inspections under the  
7 Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 23-206.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 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 23-206.1.

17 (A) Notwithstanding any rule or regulation to the contrary and unless  
18 otherwise prohibited by federal law, any fire or rescue apparatus or ambulance owned  
19 or leased by a political subdivision of the State, or by a volunteer fire company, rescue  
20 squad, or volunteer ambulance company, that is registered as an emergency vehicle as  
21 defined in § 11-118 of this article, is exempt from mandatory inspections under this  
22 subtitle.

23 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY AND  
24 UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW, ANY NEW VEHICLE IS EXEMPT  
25 FROM THE TESTS AND INSPECTIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR 3 YEARS  
26 FOLLOWING THE DATE OF ITS INITIAL PURCHASE FROM A DEALER.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 1998.

