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By: **Senator Kasemeyer**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting, after a certain date, vehicles driven less than a  
4 certain number of miles per year from tests and inspections under the Vehicle  
5 Emissions Inspection Program; and generally relating to exemptions from the  
6 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 1997 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Transportation  
14 Section 23-206.1  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Transportation**

2 23-202.

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

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

8 23-206.1.

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

15 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY AND UNLESS  
16 OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW, AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1999, ANY  
17 VEHICLE DRIVEN LESS THAN 5,000 MILES PER YEAR SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE  
18 INSPECTION AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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