

HOUSE BILL 899

R6, R4

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By: **Delegate Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Biennial Motor Vehicle Safety and Equipment Inspections – Required**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from renewing the
4 registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant has not submitted a motor vehicle
5 safety and equipment inspection certificate; requiring certain motor vehicles to
6 complete a safety and equipment inspection; requiring under certain circumstances
7 the inspection to be completed and the inspection certificate submitted to the
8 Administration before the registration of a vehicle may be renewed; authorizing a
9 licensed vehicle dealer or licensed vehicle inspection station to conduct an inspection;
10 authorizing the licensed dealer or inspection station to determine the fee for the
11 inspection, subject to a certain maximum amount; requiring the Administration, in
12 cooperation with the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Department of
13 State Police, to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; requiring the regulations to
14 establish a list of equipment that shall be inspected; requiring the owner of a motor
15 vehicle to be issued an inspection certificate on completion of the inspection;
16 authorizing a motor vehicle owner to electronically submit the inspection certificate
17 to the Administration; and generally relating to a biennial motor vehicle safety and
18 equipment inspection.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Transportation

21 Section 13–406.3 and 23–107.1

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

26 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **13-406.3.**

2 **THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT RENEW THE REGISTRATION OF ANY MOTOR**
3 **VEHICLE IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DUE FOR INSPECTION AND THE APPLICANT HAS**
4 **NOT SUBMITTED AN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE SHOWING THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE**
5 **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE BIENNIAL SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**
6 **REQUIRED UNDER § 23-107.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

7 **23-107.1.**

8 **(A) (1) A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE STATE SHALL COMPLETE**
9 **A BIENNIAL SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH**
10 **THE EQUIPMENT STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND TITLE 22**
11 **OF THIS ARTICLE.**

12 **(2) IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DUE FOR INSPECTION, THE**
13 **INSPECTION SHALL BE COMPLETED AND THE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE SUBMITTED**
14 **TO THE ADMINISTRATION BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE**
15 **MAY BE RENEWED.**

16 **(B) (1) THE SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION MAY BE CONDUCTED**
17 **BY:**

18 **(I) A LICENSED VEHICLE DEALER; OR**

19 **(II) A LICENSED VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION.**

20 **(2) THE INSPECTION FEE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE LICENSED**
21 **DEALER OR INSPECTION STATION, BUT MAY NOT EXCEED \$20.**

22 **(C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIVISION,**
23 **SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

24 **(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL ESTABLISH:**

25 **(I) A LIST OF EQUIPMENT THAT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE**
26 **SAFETY INSPECTION; AND**

27 **(II) A PROCESS FOR AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO**
28 **FOLLOW IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FAILS THE INSPECTION.**

29 **(D) (1) ON COMPLETION OF A SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION, THE**
30 **OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL BE ISSUED AN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE.**

1 **(2) A MOTOR VEHICLE OWNER MAY ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE**
2 **INSPECTION CERTIFICATE TO THE ADMINISTRATION.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2019.