

# SENATE BILL 566

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By: **Senator Washington**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Registration Renewal – Inspection Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require, if applicable,  
4 the submission of a valid registration renewal inspection certificate before renewing  
5 a motor vehicle registration; requiring every vehicle driven on the highways in the  
6 State to have certain equipment meeting or exceeding certain standards; requiring  
7 a registration renewal inspection to include a certain examination of certain motor  
8 vehicle equipment; providing that a registration renewal inspection certificate shall  
9 remain valid for a certain period of time; requiring a registration renewal inspection  
10 certificate to include certain information; prohibiting an inspection station from  
11 charging more than a certain amount for conducting a registration renewal  
12 inspection; requiring the Administration to adopt regulations to implement this Act;  
13 defining “registration renewal inspection certificate”; and generally relating to  
14 required vehicle inspections for motor vehicle registration renewal.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 13–412(a) and 23–104  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
21 Article – Transportation  
22 Section 23–107.1  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

27 **Article – Transportation**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-412.

2 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, unless current  
3 validation tabs have been issued by the Administration and are displayed on the plates as  
4 provided in this subtitle, the registration and the registration plates issued under this title  
5 for them expire at midnight on the dates indicated on the registration card issued by the  
6 Administration.

7 (2) IF REQUIRED UNDER § 23-107.1 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE  
8 ADMINISTRATION SHALL REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF A VALID REGISTRATION  
9 RENEWAL INSPECTION CERTIFICATE BEFORE RENEWING THE REGISTRATION FOR A  
10 MOTOR VEHICLE.

11 23-104.

12 (a) Every vehicle driven on the highways in this State shall, where applicable,  
13 have the following equipment, meeting or exceeding the standards established jointly by  
14 the Administration and the Division: brakes, steering, suspension, horn, door handles,  
15 mirrors, tires, exhaust system, lights, glazing, **WINDOWS, WINDSHIELD**, windshield  
16 wipers, odometer, speedometer, bumpers, properly aligned wheels, wheels and wheel lugs,  
17 fenders, floor pans, hood, hood catches, emissions equipment, fuel system, front seat, motor  
18 mounts, gear selection indicator for automatic transmissions, universal joints, and seat  
19 belts or combination seat belt-shoulder harness if required as original equipment under §  
20 22-412 or § 22-412.1 of this article.

21 (b) (1) The Administration and the Division jointly may establish standards  
22 by rule or regulation for this equipment.

23 (2) The Administration and the Division shall adopt, consistent with  
24 federal law, regulations establishing equipment, performance, and other technical  
25 standards for:

26 (i) Autocycles; and

27 (ii) Low speed vehicles.

28 **23-107.1.**

29 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION  
30 CERTIFICATE" MEANS A CERTIFICATION BY AN AUTHORIZED INSPECTION STATION  
31 THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER  
32 THIS TITLE FOR THE EQUIPMENT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

33 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLES.

1           **(C) BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATION RENEWS THE REGISTRATION OF A**  
2 **MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS AT LEAST 5 MODEL YEARS OLD, THE ADMINISTRATION**  
3 **SHALL REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF A VALID REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION**  
4 **CERTIFICATE FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE MANNER THE ADMINISTRATION**  
5 **REQUIRES.**

6           **(D) A REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN**  
7 **EXAMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT TO DETERMINE IF THE EQUIPMENT**  
8 **MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS TITLE:**

9                   **(1) BRAKES;**

10                   **(2) STEERING COLUMN;**

11                   **(3) HORN;**

12                   **(4) MIRRORS;**

13                   **(5) LIGHTS;**

14                   **(6) WINDOWS;**

15                   **(7) WINDSHIELD;**

16                   **(8) WINDSHIELD WIPERS;**

17                   **(9) SPEEDOMETER; AND**

18                   **(10) SEAT BELTS.**

19           **(E) A REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION CERTIFICATE SHALL:**

20                   **(1) REMAIN VALID FOR 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE CERTIFICATE**  
21 **IS ISSUED; AND**

22                   **(2) IDENTIFY:**

23                           **(I) THE INSPECTION STATION WHERE THE MOTOR VEHICLE**  
24 **WAS INSPECTED; AND**

25                           **(II) THE LICENSED INSPECTION MECHANIC WHO INSPECTED**  
26 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE.**

1           **(F) AN INSPECTION STATION MAY NOT CHARGE MORE THAN \$45 FOR**  
2 **CONDUCTING A REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION.**

3           **(G) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**  
4 **THIS SECTION.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2020.