

Chapter 460

(House Bill 250)

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Motor Vehicles – Inspections

FOR the purpose of altering the mileage at which the owner of a Class F (tractor) vehicle that has been in operation for not more than a certain period of time is required to have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired by a preventive maintenance technician; altering the mileage at which the owner of a Class E (truck) vehicle or a Class E (truck) “dump service registration” vehicle that has been in operation for not more than a certain period of time is required to have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired by a preventive maintenance technician if the vehicle is a zero-emission electric vehicle or a fuel cell electric vehicle; and generally relating to inspections for commercial motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–916(a), 13–919(a), 13–923(a), and 23–301(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 23–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Transportation

13–916.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every single unit truck with two or more axles is a Class E (truck) vehicle.

13–919.

(a) On application, the Administration shall issue a special Class E “dump service registration” to any applicant who certifies that the vehicle for which the application is made is a Class E (truck) vehicle that:

(1) Is designed to haul cargo and to self-unload by gravity or mechanical means; and

(2) Is to be used to haul feed or other loose materials in bulk.

13-923.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every truck tractor or similar motor vehicle used for propelling, supporting, or drawing a trailer or semitrailer is a Class F (tractor) vehicle.

23-301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(g) (1) “Vehicle” means, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any vehicle registered in this State as:

(i) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a registered, operating, or rated gross vehicle weight of over 10,000 pounds;

(ii) A Class F (tractor) vehicle;

(iii) A Class G (trailer or semitrailer) vehicle with a registered, operating, or rated gross vehicle weight over 10,000 pounds;

(iv) A Class P (passenger bus) vehicle; or

(v) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle that:

1. Is used primarily to transport passengers; and

2. A. Is designed to transport 16 passengers or more, including the driver; or

B. Was previously registered under § 13-932 or § 13-933 of this article.

(2) “Vehicle” does not include:

(i) A farm truck as defined in § 13-921 of this article;

(ii) A farm truck tractor as defined in § 13-924 of this article; or

(iii) A Class K (farm area) vehicle.

23–302.

(a) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (2)] **PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (4)** of this subsection, an owner of a vehicle shall have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired by a preventive maintenance technician at least every 25,000 miles or at least every 12 months, whichever occurs first.

(2) An owner of a vehicle registered under § 13–919 of this article that has been in operation for at least 18 years from the vehicle’s model year or first registration date, whichever is later, shall have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired by a preventive maintenance technician at least every 12,500 miles or at least every 6 months, whichever occurs first.

(3) AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER § 13–923 OF THIS ARTICLE THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS FROM THE VEHICLE’S MODEL YEAR SHALL HAVE THE VEHICLE INSPECTED, MAINTAINED, AND REPAIRED BY A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN AT LEAST EVERY 35,000 MILES OR AT LEAST EVERY 12 MONTHS, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

(4) AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER § 13–916 OR § 13–919 OF THIS ARTICLE THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS FROM THE VEHICLE’S MODEL YEAR SHALL HAVE THE VEHICLE INSPECTED, MAINTAINED, AND REPAIRED BY A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN AT LEAST EVERY 50,000 MILES OR AT LEAST EVERY 12 MONTHS, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, IF THE VEHICLE IS:

(I) A ZERO–EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE; OR

(II) A FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLE.

(b) A vehicle shall meet or exceed the standards and requirements set under the regulations adopted under this subtitle.

(c) A vehicle may not be operated unless at all times it is appropriately registered and the owner is in compliance with this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.