

HOUSE BILL 1036

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program – Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting motor vehicles owned by residents of Washington County
4 from the requirements of the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program; and generally
5 relating to Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program exemptions.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 23–202(a)(1) and (b)(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 23–206.2(d)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 23–206.2(d)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 23–202.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the emissions control
5 program shall provide for a biennial exhaust emissions test and emissions equipment and
6 misfueling inspection for all vehicles of the 1977 model year and each model year thereafter.

7 23-206.2.

8 **(D) (1) A MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A RESIDENT**
9 **OF WASHINGTON COUNTY IS EXEMPT FROM THE MANDATORY INSPECTIONS**
10 **REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IF:**

11 **(I) ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ARE**
12 **RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; AND**

13 **(II) THE EXEMPTION IS NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY**
14 **FEDERAL LAW.**

15 **(2) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION UNDER PARAGRAPH**
16 **(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:**

17 **(I) ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL**
18 **CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE OWNERS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ARE RESIDENTS OF**
19 **WASHINGTON COUNTY; AND**

20 **(II) THE MOTOR VEHICLE MUST BE REGISTERED AT AN**
21 **ADDRESS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

22 **(3) THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
23 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

24 **[(d)] (E)** The Administrator may adopt regulations as necessary to administer or
25 enforce the provisions of this section.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2023.