

# HOUSE BILL 1201

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program – Exemptions – Individuals With**  
3 **Disabilities and Older Drivers**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum number of miles that a motor vehicle  
5 registered to an individual with a disability or owned by an individual who is at least  
6 a certain age may be driven annually to be eligible for an exemption from certain  
7 mandatory vehicle emissions inspections; and generally relating to the vehicle  
8 emissions inspection program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 23–206.2(a) and (b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 23–206.2.

18 (a) (1) A motor vehicle for which special registration plates have been issued  
19 under § 13–616 of this article is exempt from the mandatory inspections required by this  
20 subtitle if:

21 (i) All of the owners of the motor vehicle meet the disability  
22 requirements of § 13–616(b)(1) of this article;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) The motor vehicle is driven [5,000] **10,000** miles or less  
2 annually; and

3 (iii) The exemption is not otherwise prohibited by federal law.

4 (2) In order to qualify for an exemption under paragraph (1) of this  
5 subsection, all owners of the motor vehicle shall certify the following:

6 (i) That the owner of the motor vehicle meets the disability  
7 requirements of § 13–616(b)(1) of this article;

8 (ii) That the motor vehicle has been issued a special disabled  
9 person's registration number and special registration plates under § 13–616 of this article;

10 (iii) That the motor vehicle is driven [5,000] **10,000** miles or less  
11 annually; and

12 (iv) The motor vehicle's odometer reading at the time of the  
13 certification.

14 (3) The certification required in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be  
15 made on a form provided by the Administration.

16 (b) (1) A motor vehicle owned by an individual who is at least 70 years of age  
17 at the time of a scheduled mandatory inspection under this subtitle is exempt from the  
18 mandatory inspections required by this subtitle if:

19 (i) All of the owners of the motor vehicle are at least 70 years of age  
20 at the time of the scheduled mandatory inspection under this subtitle;

21 (ii) The motor vehicle is being driven [5,000] **10,000** miles or less  
22 annually; and

23 (iii) The exemption is not otherwise prohibited by federal law.

24 (2) In order to qualify for an exemption under paragraph (1) of this  
25 subsection, all owners of the motor vehicle shall certify the following:

26 (i) That all of the owners of the motor vehicle are at least 70 years  
27 of age at the time of a scheduled mandatory inspection under this subtitle;

28 (ii) That the motor vehicle is being driven [5,000] **10,000** miles or  
29 less annually; and

30 (iii) The motor vehicle's odometer reading at the time of the  
31 certification.

1                   (3)     The certification required in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be  
2     made on a form provided by the Administration.

3                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4     October 1, 2025.