

SENATE BILL 742

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By: **Senator Smith**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Inspection Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require the biennial
4 inspection of certain motor vehicles that are at least a certain number of model years
5 old; and generally relating to required vehicle inspections.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 23–103
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 23–107.1
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 23–103.

20 (a) (1) On receipt of an application and a nonrefundable fee established by the
21 Administration from a facility for an inspection station license, the Division shall:

22 (i) Inspect the facility as to its ability to inspect and correct
23 equipment; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) If the facility is qualified, issue to it a license as an inspection
2 station.

3 (2) On receipt of a renewal application and the annual license fee
4 established by the Administration for an inspection station, the Division shall issue the
5 renewal license if the facility is qualified.

6 (b) The license authorizes the facility to:

7 (1) Inspect a used vehicle on request of its transferor or transferee;

8 (2) Inspect the equipment of a vehicle for which a safety equipment repair
9 order has been issued and issue a repair order certification for the vehicle; [and]

10 (3) Inspect an ambulance on the request of its owner that is required to be
11 inspected under § 13–515 of the Education Article; AND

12 (4) **INSPECT A VEHICLE AND ISSUE AN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE**
13 **UNDER § 23–107.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

14 (c) The Division may:

15 (1) For cause, suspend or revoke an inspection station license; and

16 (2) On suspension or revocation of the license, require the surrender of the
17 license and all related material issued by the Division.

18 (d) The Division may establish standards by rule or regulation for the licensing
19 and operation of inspection stations.

20 (e) The Administration may not set a fee under this section that exceeds the
21 administrative cost of the Division under this program.

22 **23–107.1.**

23 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “INSPECTION CERTIFICATE” MEANS A CERTIFICATION**
24 **BY AN AUTHORIZED INSPECTION STATION THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE MEETS OR**
25 **EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS TITLE FOR THE EQUIPMENT**
26 **SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.**

27 (B) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

28 (1) **CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLES; OR**

1 **(2) ANY VEHICLE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBTITLE 3**
2 **OF THIS TITLE.**

3 **(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REQUIRE THE BIENNIAL SUBMISSION OF**
4 **AN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR ANY MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIRED TO BE**
5 **REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE THAT IS AT LEAST 6 MODEL YEARS**
6 **OLD.**

7 **(D) AN INSPECTION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN**
8 **EXAMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE**
9 **EQUIPMENT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS TITLE:**

- 10 **(1) BRAKES;**
11 **(2) STEERING COLUMN;**
12 **(3) HORN;**
13 **(4) MIRRORS;**
14 **(5) LIGHTS;**
15 **(6) WINDOWS;**
16 **(7) WINDSHIELD;**
17 **(8) WINDSHIELD WIPERS;**
18 **(9) SPEEDOMETER; AND**
19 **(10) SEAT BELTS.**

20 **(E) AN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE SHALL:**

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

23 **(2) IDENTIFY:**

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

26 **(II) THE LICENSED INSPECTION MECHANIC WHO INSPECTED**

1 THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

2 (F) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
3 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

4 (2) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
5 ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM FEE THAT AN INSPECTION STATION MAY CHARGE FOR
6 CONDUCTING AN INSPECTION, A SPECIFIC PORTION OF WHICH SHALL BE PAID TO OR
7 RETAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO COVER THE COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION
8 AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SECTION.

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