

# HOUSE BILL 1391

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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 – Testing and Inspection – Grounds for**  
3 **Failure**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a motor vehicle may be determined to have failed to pass  
5 an emissions equipment and misfueling inspection or an exhaust emissions test only  
6 for certain reasons; and generally relating to the Vehicle Emissions Inspection  
7 Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Transportation  
10 Section 23–202(b)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 23–204.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 23–202.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 **23-204.1.**

5 **A FACILITY ESTABLISHED OR APPROVED UNDER § 23-303 OF THIS TITLE MAY**  
6 **NOT DETERMINE THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE HAS FAILED TO PASS A TEST OR**  
7 **INSPECTION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN A**  
8 **DETERMINATION THAT:**

9 **(1) FOR AN EMISSIONS EQUIPMENT AND MISFUELING INSPECTION:**

10 **(I) REQUIRED EMISSIONS EQUIPMENT IS NOT PRESENT; OR**

11 **(II) THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN MISFUELED; OR**

12 **(2) FOR AN EXHAUST EMISSIONS TEST, THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS NOT**  
13 **IN COMPLIANCE WITH AN APPLICABLE EMISSIONS STANDARD.**

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
15 **October 1, 2026.**