

# SENATE BILL 912

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By: **Senator Mautz**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program – Exemption for Vehicles Formerly**  
3 **Registered as Historic**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting a vehicle that was registered as a historic motor vehicle  
5 before a certain date from the requirements of the Vehicle Emissions Inspection  
6 Program under certain circumstances; and generally relating to historic vehicles and  
7 the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program.

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

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 23–206.2  
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.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

23–206.2.

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

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

(ii) The motor vehicle is driven 5,000 miles or less annually; and

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

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

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

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

(iii) That the motor vehicle is driven 5,000 miles or less annually; and

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

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

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

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

(ii) The motor vehicle is being driven 5,000 miles or less annually; and

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

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

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

(ii) That the motor vehicle is being driven 5,000 miles or less annually; and

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

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

(c) (1) A motor vehicle owned by at least one active duty member of the uniformed services at the time of a scheduled mandatory inspection under this subtitle is exempt from the mandatory inspections required by this subtitle if:

(i) An owner of the motor vehicle who is a member of the uniformed services has received official orders:

1. For deployment outside the United States; or

2. To a duty station in a jurisdiction that is not subject to a vehicle emissions control inspection and maintenance program; and

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

(2) In order to qualify for an exemption under paragraph (1) of this subsection, all owners of the motor vehicle shall certify that at least one owner of the motor vehicle has received official orders for deployment outside the United States or to a duty station in a jurisdiction that is not subject to a vehicle emissions control inspection and maintenance program.

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

**(d) (1) A MOTOR VEHICLE IS EXEMPT FROM THE MANDATORY INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE:**

**(I) WAS REGISTERED AS A HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER § 13-936 OF THIS ARTICLE BEFORE JULY 1, 2025; AND**

**(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, NO LONGER QUALIFIES AS A HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE SOLELY AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE TO THE**

1   **DEFINITION OF “HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE” ENACTED BY CHAPTER 604 OF THE**  
2   **ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2025.**

3                   **(2)   IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION UNDER PARAGRAPH**  
4   **(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL CERTIFY**  
5   **THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS REGISTERED AS A HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLE**  
6   **UNDER § 13–936 OF THIS ARTICLE BEFORE JULY 1, 2025.**

7                   **(3)   THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
8   **SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

9           **(E)**   The Administrator may adopt regulations as necessary to administer or  
10   enforce the provisions of this section.

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12   1, 2026.