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POSITION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

DATE: February 6, 2020

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 154 **POSITION:** Support

BILL TITLE: Motor Vehicles – Electronic Inspection Certificates for Used Vehicles – Sunset Extension

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:

This legislation seeks to extend the termination date for the used vehicle inspection laws applicable to the electronic submission of an inspection certificate. The laws are scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2020.

Under current law, the Department of State Police, Automotive Safety Enforcement Division (ASED) manages a voluntary program to allow certified inspection stations to submit their vehicle inspections electronically to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and ASED. Since the program's inception the voluntary program enrollment has grown to 96% of all licensed inspection stations. The percentage of electronic inspections overwhelmingly shows that the majority of inspections within the state are being conducted electronically with approximately 66 stations out of 1,551 still use paper. Working with the industry and the MVA the program is very successful. It has saved businesses and the state both personnel and monetary resources.

The electronic inspection program does not change the inspection procedures that inspection mechanics currently practice, however, it dramatically improves how the inspection information is recorded and accessed. The process enhances and improves the documentation and transmission of Vehicle Safety Inspection data to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, Tag and Title businesses, Public Safety Commission and the general public.

HB 154 allows this successful program to continue. For these reasons, the Department of State Police urges the committee to give HB 154 a favorable report.